



Terra Bella Loves California Agriculture

By Charmayne Hefley

Before their performance at the Clovis Rodeo in late April, **Joseph and Martina Costa**--the Nashville recording duo Terra Bella--shared their strong ties to agriculture and the FFA. While in town, they also performed at the California FFA 88th State Leadership Conference. Their passion and love for farmers have shaped their lives and their careers.



Watch the video to learn more about Terra Bella, and check them out on social media to see their upcoming scheduled performances!



What's New?

April was a busy month for the California Ag Today team, starting with the Annual **National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB)** Washington Watch meeting. **Patrick Cavanaugh** and **Brian German** interviewed key government agency representatives and agricultural policy makers on critical issues affecting agriculture in California.

Charmayne Hefley attended and broke the news about the new California FFA State Officer Team for 2016-17 at the **California FFA's 88th State Leadership Conference** in Fresno.

The entire team toured **Terranova Ranch** and was generously hosted by **Don Cameron**, vice president and general manager, and **Patrick Pinkard**, assistant manager. Cameron and Pinkard assisted us in filming a project that will be posted on the California Ag Today website on **June 1**, along with other surprises!

Hefley visited agricultural communications students at **Fresno State** and **Modesto Junior College** and shared some of the exciting developments going on at California Ag Today.

Want to learn more? Be sure to keep up with California Ag Today's social media channels so you never miss a beat on where the team is or what's going on in California Agriculture TODAY.

And don't forget to check out our website on June 1 to see what we've done to better serve you!



ACP Found Near Juice Plant

By Patrick Cavanaugh and Laurie Greene

More Asian Citrus Psyllids (ACPs), which can spread citrus-deadly Huanglongbing (HLB) disease, were found in Tulare County at the beginning of May. **Marilyn Kinoshita**, Tulare County ag commissioner, announced ten ACPs were found adjacent to an orange juice plant near Tipton. "There is so much capability for [ACP] hitchhiking into this county where we are ground zero for potential problems," she said.

Click [here](#) to read the story.

New FFA State Stars Honored

By Charmayne Hefley

In mid-April at the opening session of the California FFA's 88th State Conference, four individuals received State STAR Awards in their respective fields. **Halley Lauchland**, a high school junior from the Lodi FFA chapter, received the 2016 Star in Agriscience Award. Lauchland's research tested cane pruning versus spur pruning to slow the spread of Eutypa Dieback in winegrapes.



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AgChat Reaches Out to Consumers

By Laurie Greene

Many ag-related companies oftentimes find themselves singing to the choir said **Jenny Schwiegert**, chief executive director of the AgChat Foundation. Schwiegert said agriculturalists can connect to the non-ag crowd by sharing their passion for other aspects of their lives. "Find that spark, the other part of your life that is not related to farming and ranching, and explore and talk about it.

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