

CALIFORNIA WILD RICE

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ACREAGE REPORT

Thank you to those who have already sent in your 2022 Wild Rice Acreage Reports. If you have not already sent in your 2022 Acreage report, please access a blank report here. You can either print and mail back to the Advisory Board or email a scanned copy to

coliver@calwildrice.org.

If you would like to fill out the report electronically, please access it through our website www.calwildrice.org by clicking on the tab titled 'Acreage Report.' The password to access a blank form is **CWRAB**. The 2022-2023 Assessment Rate has been set at \$10 per harvested acre.

2022-2023 RESEARCH UPDATE

At the annual CWRAB Board of Directors Meeting held on May 20, 2022, the Board approved two research projects for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. These research projects are all a continuation of prior research from the previous fiscal year. If you would like a copy of the 2021-2022 Final Report for these projects, please email Program Supervisor Elise Oliver at coliver@calwildrice.org

DROUGHT UPDATE

Governor Newsom's California Blueprint proposed to invest \$2 billion for drought response, including \$100 million along with the prior investment of \$16 million during the current fiscal year. During the public meeting of the State Water Board, regulations were adopted that will require implementation of local water supplier's level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans. For those without a plan they are required to limit outdoor water use by banning ornamental grass irrigation on commercial properties and businesses. It also restricts watering during the hottest time of the day and limited to two days per week.

CA WILD RICE PARTICIPATES IN USDA AGRIBUSINESS TRADE MISSION TO THE UK

In June, the California Wild Rice Advisory Board traveled to the United Kingdom to participate in a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) led Agribusiness Trade Mission. The purpose of this trade mission is to provide the CWRAB the opportunity to forge relationships with potential customers, gather market intelligence, and educate potential trading partners on California wild rice in general.

The CWRAB had the opportunity to conduct market visits, meet with government officials, and relevant members of the trade such as importers, retailers and distributors who deal with wild rice in the UK. For more information regarding this trade mission, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Carranza, ecarranza@calwildrice.org, at the CWRAB office.



**U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE MISSION
DELEGATES AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
LONDON.**

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT

On Thursday, June 16, President Biden signed the Ocean Shipping Reform Act into law. This bill was introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar from Minnesota in February 2022 and passed through the senate in March with strong bipartisan support. The Ocean Shipping Reform Act increases the authority of the Federal Maritime Commission to investigate complaints about detentions and Demurrage charges (i.e. late fees) charged by ocean carriers, determine whether these charges are reasonable, and order refunds for unreasonable charges.

The Ocean Shipping Reform Act also prohibits ocean carriers, marine terminal operators, ocean transportation intermediaries from unreasonably refusing cargo space when available or resorting to discriminatory methods. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED - Independence Day**
 - July 4th, 2022
- **U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council Conference**
 - July 12-14, 2022
- **CWRAB Staff in D.C.**
 - July 11th-15th

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RECIPE CORNER

California Wild Rice Burgers

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup dry California wild rice blend
- 1 cup canned cannelloni beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs (substitute oat flour for gluten free).
- 1/4 cup tahini
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 3 tablespoon cooking oil
- 6 burger buns or 8 slider buns



Directions:

First cook the rice, this can be done a couple days in advance. To cook on the stove: Add 1 1/2 cups California wild rice blend, 2 1/4 cups vegetable broth (or water), and a pinch of salt to a medium saucepan then bring to a boil. Place a lid on top of the pan and turn the heat down to low. Simmer for 40 45 minutes or until rice is al dente. Remove the pan from the heat and let sit for 5 minutes with the lid on. Remove the lid and fluff the rice with a fork. Let cool completely.

In a large bowl, use a potato masher or fork to thoroughly mash cannelloni beans. Add cooked and cooled rice, eggs, breadcrumbs, tahini, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, cumin, smoked paprika, black pepper, salt, and oregano. Thoroughly mix until well-combined. Transfer bowl to the refrigerator and chill for a minimum of 30 minutes, or up to 24 hours (overnight).

For slider-size burgers, use a 1/3 cup measure to divide and form 8 uniform patties. For regular burgers, use a 1/2 cup measure to divide and form 8 uniform patties. Place patties on a parchment-lined baking sheet (Note: If burgers aren't holding together well, chill for another 20 to 30 minutes). Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, add half of the burger patties. Cook for 5 to 6 minutes, or until golden brown. Gently flip, and cook for another 5 minutes. Add remaining 1 Tbsp. oil and repeat with remaining patties