

GOVERNOR NEWSOM EXPANDS DROUGHT EMERGENCY STATEWIDE AND URGES CALIFORNIANS TO REDOUBLE WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

As California faces potentially a third year of drought, Governor Newsom issued a proclamation extending the drought emergency statewide. The record low storage in California's largest reservoirs and record high temperatures experienced in August 2021 are forcing difficult decisions to be made. The proclamation requires local water suppliers to implement water shortage contingency plans and prepare for a third dry year. The proclamation also authorizes the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance and funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act to support the emergency response and delivery of drinking water and water for public health and safety. Lastly, the Governor's California Comeback Plan invests \$5.2 billion over three years to support immediate drought response and long-term water resilience. To view the full proclamation click [here](#).

2021 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

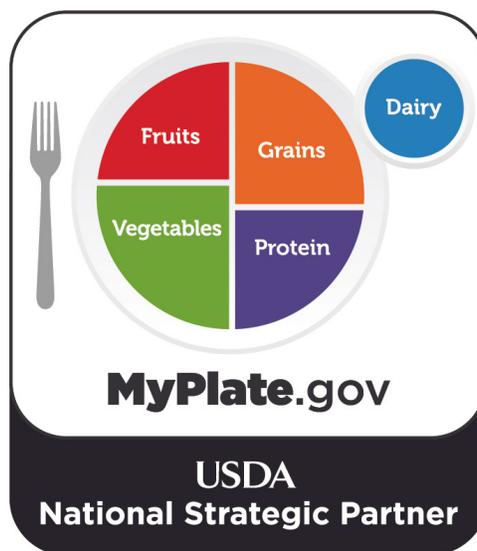
2021 Assessment Invoices were sent out in October and were based on the reported number of planted acres as stated on 2021 Acreage Reports. If you have not already done so, please send payment for half of the total amount stated on your invoice by November 15, 2021. The remaining amount is due by February 15, 2022. If you did not harvest all of your planted acreage, this fact must be verified by a member or alternate member of the CWRAB from the district in which you grow wild rice. If a field is ninety percent (90%) harvested, it is to be considered completely harvested. Please reach out to Program Supervisor, Elise Oliver, eoliver@calwildrice.org if you did not harvest all of your planted acreage or have any questions regarding assessments.

DR. BRIM-DEFORREST FOR IR-4 PROJECT FUNDING

In October 2021, Dr. Whitney Brim-DeForest, UCCE Rice Advisor, was selected by the IR-4 Program for funding of trials to test herbicides in the field with the eventual goal of gaining safety and efficacy data to potentially register products for use on wild rice in CA! Dr. Brim-DeForest is still seeking an interested grower in the Sacramento Valley to participate in her trials. If you have an interest, please email Elise Oliver.

CWRAB SELECTED FOR MYPLATE PARTNERSHIP

The CWRAB is now a USDA-MyPlate national strategic partner! The CWRAB will be able to utilize MyPlate content and imagery to promote California wild rice in conjunction with promoting the Dietary Guidelines for America which is of no extra cost to the Advisory Board. The CWRAB will have the opportunity to work with our national partners to develop and execute a joint strategic nutrition promotion plan on annual basis featuring wild rice and other partner commodities.



**CA WILD RICE ADVISORY BOARD
EXHIBITS AT THE 2021 ANUGA
TRADESHOW**

In October, the California Wild Rice Advisory Board partnered with the USA Rice Federation to host a booth at the Anuga tradeshow held in Cologne, Germany. This year the tradeshow featured both an in-person exhibition as well as digital access for those who were interested in participating but could not physically attend the show. The in-person USA Rice/CWRAB booth served as a point to conduct business to business meetings to discuss potential opportunities for wild rice exports. The booth included wild rice photos and information, company brochures, and samples. Additionally, a number of trade leads for wild rice were collected during the show. If you would like more information on the tradeshow or the trade leads, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth at the CWRAB office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Produce Marketing Association (PMA) Fresh Summit, New Orleans, LA**
 - October 28-30, 2021- CANCELLED
- **OFFICE CLOSED- Veterans Day**
 - November 11, 2021
- **OFFICE CLOSED- Thanksgiving**
 - November 25-26, 2021
- **Fruit Logistica, Berlin, Germany**
 - February 9-11, 2022

Some events are being held virtually. Please contact the CWRAB office for more information.

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RECIPE CORNER

Cool California Wild Rice Salad

Ingredients for the vinaigrette:

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/8 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup California extra virgin olive oil

Ingredients for the salad:

- 1 (8-ounce) pack California wild rice, prepared per package instructions
- 1 (12-ounce) jar roasted red bell peppers, drained and chopped
- 1 (7.5-ounce) jar quartered marinated artichoke hearts, drained and halved
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, drained and diced
- 1 green onion, light and dark green parts sliced thin
- 4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup pitted green olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup pitted black olives, sliced

Instructions

- For the vinaigrette, whisk together the garlic, oregano, mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Still whisking, slowly add the olive oil to make an emulsion. Set aside.
- In a large mixing bowl combine the prepared wild rice, roasted peppers, artichoke hearts, sun-dried tomatoes, and green onions. Pour the vinaigrette over the top and toss to combine.
- Add the feta cheese and the olives then toss lightly. Set aside for 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend. Serve at room temperature.

