

CALIFORNIA WILD RICE

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CA WILD RICE ADVISORY BOARD TO PARTICIPATE IN CROP PROTECTION ACTION COALITION FOR TRADE

The California Wild Rice Advisory Board recently joined forces with other key agricultural cooperators to participate in the Crop Protection Action Coalition for Trade (CPACT). CPACT is a Market Access Program (MAP)-funded Global Broad-Based Initiative (GBI) managed by the US Dry Bean Council. The CWRAB joins other cooperators in this initiative, including: the USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, USA Rice Federation, the Almond Board of California, and The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). The primary objective for CPACT is to promote global food security, sustainable production practices, and science-based crop protection policies by more effectively telling the story of American farmers. More specifically, CPACT will collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to: reduce technical barriers to trade and encourage science-based crop protection policy discussions; improve transparency and communication of how crop protection products are used by American farmers; and counter false narratives and misinformation surrounding crop protection policies. For more information regarding CPACT, please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office.

DISASTER RELIEF:

For producers in need of additional assistance due to weather related events such as drought, please see below program opportunities.

- [Disaster Assistance Programs](#) offered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- [Emergency Relief Programs](#) offered by the Farm Service Agency
- Find your local county FSA office [here!](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB with any questions.

WASHINGTON D.C. HILL VISITS:

In July, CWRAB staff, and Board Member Leslie Boyle, traveled to Washington D.C., to advocate on behalf of the California wild rice industry in preparation for the reauthorization of the 2023 Farm Bill. CWRAB staff met with over twenty different Congressional offices in both the House and Senate. If you have any questions or any topics of interest for the 2023 Farm Bill, please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office.



California Wild Rice Advisory Board met with Congressman LaMalfa

CA WILD RICE IN AG ALERT:

Please see below link to an Ag Alert article entitled, *Wild Rice Prices Surge as Stocks Plummet*, where several Board Members were interviewed by Ag Alert speaking on the current state of the CA Wild Rice industry!

[Ag Alert Article](#)



2022 ACREAGE REPORTS

Thank you to everyone for sending in your 2022 Wild Rice Acreage Reports! The 2022-2023 Assessment Rate has been set at \$10 per harvested acre. See the official notice [here](#). Invoices will be sent out in October 2022. Half of the invoice amount is due by November 15, 2022, while the remaining half is due by February 15, 2023. If you are not going to harvest all of your planted acreage, this fact must be verified by a board member or alternate board 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 let Elise Oliver know if you are not going to harvest all of your planted acreage at eoliver@calwildrice.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **United Fresh Washington D.C. Conference**
 - **Date: September 26-28, 2022**
- **Produce Marketing Association Fresh Summit, Orlando, FL**
 - **Date: October 27-29, 2022**

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RECIPE CORNER

Pumpkin and California Wild Rice Risotto



Ingredients:

- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3-4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 bunch fresh sage leaves
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup Arborio rice
- 1/2 cup California wild rice
- 1 32 ounce container Organic Vegetarian Pho Soup Base
- 3/4 cup cooked and puréed pumpkin meat or pumpkin puree (I used the meat from 4 mini pumpkins)
- salt and pepper, to taste
- grated parmesan, for topping

Directions:

In a large sauté pan with lid, cook the diced shallot and garlic in the olive oil over medium high heat until translucent. Add sage leaves and continue to cook until fragrant. Add the wild and arborio rice to toast. Once the rice begins to brown, add the wine to deglaze the pan. Stir, then salt and pepper to taste, and begin adding the vegetarian pho stock. Add 1 cup and let it cook down. Do this until there is only one more cup left, then whisk in the last remainder of the pho and the pumpkin puree, and cover with a lid until remaining liquid is absorbed by the rice. The wild and arborio rice should be fully cooked, but not gummy.

