

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) ENACTS EMERGENCY WATER RESTRICTIONS

On August 3, 2021 the SWRCB voted unanimously on emergency water restrictions that will affect thousands of Central Valley farmers. The new restriction prevents 5,700 farmers and landowners from diverting water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds for agricultural use. Those who fail to comply with the order could face fines up to \$1,000 a day, as well as \$2,500 per acre-foot of illegally diverted water.

To view the SWRCB's statement regarding actions taken, please access it [here](#).

CA WILD RICE ADVISORY BOARD RUSSIA ATP PROGRAM UPDATES

The CWRAB has been working with industry members and Russian in-country representative agency, RK Marketing, to continue activities within the ongoing Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) Program award funds. As you may recall, the CWRAB was awarded grant funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ATP program that was designed to offset impacts felt by the agricultural industry with regard to retaliatory tariffs. As part of this summer's program, the CWRAB was developed culinary videos showcasing CA wild rice in various recipes, as well as general usage tips for consumers. These videos are part of an ongoing digital campaign that was developed in lieu of the postponement and cancellation of several planned in-person activities due to COVID-19. Additionally, the CWRAB is currently in the midst of an ongoing culinary blogger partnership with several Russian influencers on social media platforms. This activity is expected to be finalized in October, and results will be available in the year-end report. If you have any questions about these specific activities or the Russian ATP program in general, please do not hesitate to contact the CWRAB office.

CFAP 2 PROGRAM UPDATES

Thank you to everyone for sending in your 2021 Wild Rice Acreage Reports! The 2021-2022 Assessment Rate has been set at \$10 per harvested acre. See the official notice here (hyperlink the attached PDF in the word here). Invoices will be sent out the first week of October. Half of the invoice amount is due by November 15th, while the remaining half is due by February 15th. 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.

US PORT CONGESTION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH 2022

Thus far in 2021, ports across the country have already been swamped by record numbers of containers reaching U.S. shores during this year's peak shipping season. Consequently, the number of vessels waiting for berth space at Southern California's gateways is growing as logjams stretch into warehouses and distribution networks across the country. According to several port officials, the current backlog, coupled with expected volume of inbound containers for the remainder of the year, are expected to stretch the port congestion troubles well into 2022. The CAC is working closely with Congress and other organizations to advocate for solutions moving forward. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to the CAC office.

2021 ACREAGE REPORTS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **OFFICE CLOSED- Labor Day**
 - September 6, 2021
- **United Fresh Washington Conference, Washington, DC**
 - September 20-22, 2021
- **Produce Marketing Association (PMA) Fresh Summit, New Orleans, LA**
 - October 28-30, 2021

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

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RECIPE CORNER

California Wild Rice Bangkok

Ingredients

- 3½ cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- ¾ cup California wild rice
- ¾ cup u.s. jasmine or other long-grain white rice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ cup finely slivered or chopped fresh basil leaves
- ½ cup finely slivered or chopped fresh mint leaves
- fresh basil and mint sprigs
- lime wedges

Instructions

- In a 4-5 quart saucepan, bring broth to a boil over high heat. Add wild rice; reduce heat to low, cover tightly and simmer until grains begin to open and feel tender to bite, about 45 minutes. Stir in white rice. Cover tightly, and simmer until white and wild rice are tender to bite and liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes.
- While wild and white rice cook, heat olive oil in a 10-12 inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic and ginger. Stir over medium heat until ginger is fragrant but not browned, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.
- In a small bowl, mix together soy sauce, lime juice, and sugar until smooth.
- When rice is done, remove from heat and gently stir in onion-ginger mixture, slivered basil, and slivered mint. Transfer to a serving bowl; if desired, garnish with basil and mint sprigs and serve with lime wedges.

Recipe courtesy of usarice.com