

Weekly Ag Report

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Good morning this is Willis Dow from the Lassen County Farm Bureau with your Weekly Ag Report.

Have you noticed how beautiful the trees are this time of year? Not everyone gets to experience fall color as we do here in northeastern California. It is because of the cooler nights and shorter day lengths that our once lush green trees and shrubs transform into the vivid autumn palette of reds, oranges, golds, and browns. Leaves are the food factory for the plant, using a process called photosynthesis the plant turns water and carbon dioxide into oxygen and sugar. A chemical called chlorophyll helps make photosynthesis happen. Chlorophyll is what gives plants their green color. As day lengths shorten and cool night temperatures arrive in the fall, the chlorophyll disappears from the leaves giving the tree its autumn color.

Fall is a great time to plant trees because they rest in the winter, and a fall planting allows the tree to take full advantage of the growing season when spring arrives.

With the changing of the weather and much colder temperatures around the corner, I would like to remind everyone to drain the water from their main lines, pumps, and all other irrigation systems. Also, don't forget to check the antifreeze in your cars, trucks, and tractors.

I would like to take a minute and invite everyone to Lassen County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Come find out what Farm Bureau can do for you. The meeting will be held at the Elk's Lodge on Saturday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. This year's meeting includes a social hour, tri tip dinner, a 50/50 cash raffle, and presenting of the Distinguished Service Award to Ceci Dale-Cesmat. Speakers include Susan Abel from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Kenny Watkins first vice president of California Farm Bureau Federation and to finish the evening comedian Mark Yaffee "*Tall, Dark, & Hilarious*" co-star to Pow Wow Comedy. Dinner is \$23.00 or \$22.00 if you bring five cans of non-perishable food to be donated to the local Food for Families program. Again that's Saturday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. RSVP with a message at 257-7242.

We will see you next week with your local Ag Report.