Colorado Produce Growers Represented at PMA

CFVGA members recently returned from the Produce Marketing Association’s (PMA) Fresh Summit, held Oct. 14-16, in Orlando, Fla., where they had an opportunity to put the merits of Colorado produce before a record crowd of 20,889 attendees from 65 countries. The event, the largest of its kind in the Western hemisphere, also allowed the CFVGA delegation to check out more than 1200 exhibitors showcasing new products, trends and innovations in the produce industry and to attend sessions on marketing strategies, food safety and new technologies.

CFVGA members attending included Robert Sakata, Sakata Family Farms, Brighton; Dominic DiSanti, DiSanti Farms, Pueblo; Joe, Charlie and Nathan Talbott, Talbott’s Mountain Gold, Palisade; and Adrian Card, CFVGA board member from Colorado State University Extension, Boulder County. Also attending from Rocky Ford Growers Association was CFVGA member Michael Hirakata, Hirakata Farms, Rocky Ford. CFVGA was part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture’s booth area and received partial funding for the event from the U.S. Specialty Crops Block Grant.

“It was a great opportunity to network and see new ideas,” said Hirakata, who said he was particularly intrigued by new packaging technology and the ways people are promoting their produce. “There’s just so much to see, and it is important that the Colorado produce industry be there to let buyers know what we have to offer.”

Card, who attended the event for the second consecutive year agreed, “Both for our grower members and for CFVGA as a new and growing organization, it is important that we stay current with innovation in the industry and that we also continue to promote Colorado produce to buyers as a high quality product.”
**From the President**

**Strength in Numbers**

*By President Robert Sakata, Sakata Family Farms, Brighton, Colo.*

Sometimes it’s disheartening and even scary to be involved in agricultural leadership. This past year as your president, I’ve seen the additional paperwork and regulatory challenges we could face in the future as well as what other regions already face. Just when we think we cannot handle any more, we learn about another layer of governmental requirements.

I’ve attended several presentations on the authority of the U.S. Department of Justice to file criminal charges for food safety violations. I recently learned about efforts underway to define “ethical” agricultural employment practices. Several groups already have and others are working on developing “sustainable” farming certification programs. I recently made the comment to one of these groups that it would be ironic if our farm wasn’t economically sustainable because of the avalanche of paperwork that is accompanying all of these sustainability initiatives.

As growers we are being asked to carry more burdens like paying for third party audits and buying subscriptions to cloud based platforms such as I-Trade and Onenetwork. We also are making investments to meet regulatory and buyer requirements. I often wonder how we can keep supporting this onslaught of regulations and cash outlays.

As we all look to the future, it is more important than ever to realize that we cannot meet these challenges as individual growers. Our only hope to survive, and dare we say, thrive, is to band together to constructively address the financial and paperwork burden placed on us through the additional, non-ending barrage of regulations. In addition, CFVGA technical and business resources will assist all growers—whether big, medium or small—in making smart business decisions. There truly is strength in numbers. Please renew your CFVGA membership, get or stay involved and please ask your grower friends and neighbors to join CFVGA.

**CFVGA President Robert Sakata Recognized by The Packer**

CFVGA President Robert Sakata, Sakata Family Farms, Brighton, was one of 25 individuals nationally recognized by *The Packer*, a Farm Journal publication, for his work and accomplishments in the produce industry. The list of 25 honorees was announced in a special publication, *The Packer 25*, released last weekend at the Produce Marketing Association’s Fresh Summit in Orlando, Fla. The publication was distributed to the 20,889 attendees from 65 countries.


According to Johnson, those featured are selected by *The Packer’s* Editorial Board and published online and in *The Packer 25*. This year is the 12th edition.

“As for Robert’s selection,” said Johnson. “We looked at his work in his family produce company and influence in the Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, and that made him a perfect industry leader to profile this year.”

“We are thrilled to see Robert recognized for all his hard work and expertise freely given to CFVGA,” said Marilyn Bay Drake, CFVGA executive director. “He continues to be an outstanding leader in the produce industry in Colorado and nationally. His insight and dedication have been vital to CFVGA’s establishment and growth.”

Educated as a cellular chemist, Sakata left a promising scientific career to return home and run the family vegetable operation, a choice he does not regret. See full story [here](#).
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As machinery and facilities are winterized and growers prepare their fields and people for some much needed rest, I urge all CFVGA members to devote some attention to the organization and leadership that has so tirelessly represented you throughout the year. CFVGA’s board is intent on continuing to add value to your membership.

Check out the new Members Only resources at coloradoproduce.org, read about the extensive choice of webinars available to members (page 6), peruse the website and CFVGA Facebook page for the seasonal promotion of Colorado produce and look at all the food safety training opportunities (page 8). In addition, members can list their job openings free of charge on the website, a great start to the 2017 growing season. And, the 2017 CFVGA Annual Conference is Feb. 21, 2017. Registration is planned to open Dec. 1, with discounted rates available to CFVGA members.

These are just a few of the many benefits CFVGA offers its members. The strength of CFVGA is dependent on the member base. We must continue to grow, and we need your help to do this. Please renew your membership and ask your fellow growers and suppliers to join. Please also consider becoming a sponsor. Check out sponsor benefits here: coloradoproduce.org/become-a-sponsor/

Should you have ideas for our organization, we’d love to hear them. We would also like to have members join a committee. At our annual meeting, three board member seats will be up for election. Both grower and allied member spots are available. Email a member of the board if you are interested in serving in any capacity.

As we head into the holiday season, we have much for which to be thankful. We live in one of the wealthiest countries in the world and experience tremendous personal freedom. We have the privilege of working our ground to supply quality fruits and vegetables for our fellow Americans. As we are able, let’s remember those less fortunate that we are during this holiday season.

Personally, I have much for which to be thankful. An added blessing this year is my husband. I was married Sept. 10 to Dan Drake.
Sakata Represents CFVGA at USDA International Trade Forum

CFVGA President Robert Sakata was invited to speak at a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) sponsored event at Colorado State University focused on international trade and its importance to rural America. The United States is a leader in agricultural production, so trade plays an important role in production planning. In Colorado alone the annual value of agricultural exports is $1.8 billion with animal production and wheat filling in the top five spots.

Sakata noted that for fresh fruit and vegetable production in Colorado, the nearest trading partners, Canada and Mexico, play an important role. He also noted that a strong export market benefits all producers, whether or not they sell to foreign markets, since export demand drives overall demand.

Sakata also mentioned how important it is for Coloradans to support Colorado grown produce, so that dollars don’t flow out of the state. In addition, he took the opportunity to say that for there to be local produce, federal regulators must help Colorado farmers with issues such as enabling growers to find a qualified seasonal workforce and to secure quality, reliable irrigation water.

USDA is holding international trade forums across the United States to begin to formulate suggestions for the new administration that will take the reins next year.

New Member Benefit
CFVGA Lunch & Learn Webinars Offer Education and Information on a Variety of Topics

CFVGA board member Adrian Card has been organizing a series of educational webinars for growers on themes including beginning farmers, business strategy, irrigation technologies, news media engagement, new varieties, next steps in food safety, pest management technologies, production technology and protecting workers.

These interactive webinars are part of the CFVGA “Lunch and Learn” webinars offered from 12:10 – 1:00 pm. Find the webinar descriptions and schedule in the CFVGA Weekly Scoop emails and on the CFVGA calendar. Use the link included to register for each webinar you wish to attend. Anyone may view a CFVGA webinar live, but most recordings are only available to CFVGA members. To view a webinar you missed, use your member log in credentials at coloradoproduce.org

Upcoming webinars include:
- November 1: Taking the mystery of of talking with radio media (Lorrie Boyer, KSIR)
- November 16: Leveraging the free media to get your brand message out (Shannon Shuman, The Packer)
- November 30: Soil water monitoring (Doug Larson, Hortau and Dig Adhikari, Irrrometer)
- December 1: How to put together a food safety plan (Rachel Morris, CSU)
- December 7: Colorado consumer attitudes survey results (Dawn Thilmany and Mike Martin, CSU)
- January 18: Preparing for a Worker Protection Service inspection (Mike Rigirozzi, CDA)
- January 19: High tunnels produce production (Mark Uchanski, CSU)
- January 26: No-till vegetable production (Mark Uchanski, CSU)

Have an idea for a webinar? Email us at info@coloradoproduce.org

Crop Calendars in Grocery Store

CFVGA’s Crop Calendar, available at coloradoproduce.org, in card form, as a magnet and—as shown here—poster size in retail outlets, is helping retailers, consumers and chefs understand the Colorado produce harvest and availability season. It is also a reminder to buyers to look for and request Colorado produce when shopping. To date, these posters are being used through Colorado grocery chains as follows:

- Sprouts: 30 in all produce floors in Colorado
- King Soopers: 150 in all produce floors in Colorado including City Market
- Safeway: 131 in all produce backrooms in Colorado
- Wholefoods: 25 in all produce backrooms in Colorado

Look for this poster in your grocery store and request that it be displayed on the floor or at least in the backroom where it is visible to produce buyers and other employees.
Fifth Generation Vegetable Operation Raises Variety of Crops

This issue, we feature CFVGA Board Member Dominic DiSanti, DiSanti Farms, Pueblo. He and his wife Jayme farm alongside Dominic’s parents Jim & RoseAnn DiSanti, brother and sister-in-law Justin & Brianna DiSanti and sister Sara Genova. They raise two dozen different crops, with the primary ones being green onions, summer squash, pumpkins and Pueblo Chile. Dominic also is one of the leaders of the group that last year introduced the Pueblo Chile brand.

How long have you operated this farm?

The DiSanti family has been farming in Pueblo since 1890. I returned home to the family farm in 2009 as a fifth generation farmer. Before that, I studied at Colorado State University and received a degree in agricultural business and soil and crop sciences.

How do you market your produce?

We service grocery chains and food distributors throughout the state of Colorado and proudly have a roadside market on the farm in Pueblo.

What are some of the challenges and opportunities you face in your operation?

Like all produce operations we find labor, food safety, and water to be challenging year to year. We believe in a high level of diversification within our produce growing operation, but also, in our market channels and other business endeavors.

What advice would you give to new produce farmers?

Diversify your crops and market channels to reduce risk. The produce market is far too volatile and unpredictable to specialize in one crop. A good marketing program can make all the difference in the world for an operation.

In what way do you think the CFVGA can help fruit & vegetable farmers like no other organization?

CFVGA is built on the needs and challenges of fruit and vegetable operations. This organization specifically targets and is our best opportunity to help combat labor challenges, food safety issues, and water dynamics. At the same time, it lends market opportunities and business development tools that will be beneficial for operations of all sizes and scales.

Is there anything else of interest or that might be helpful or interesting for readers to know?

Our affiliation with CFVGA and with the Pueblo Chile Growers Association has been a pleasant and exciting opportunity. When growers and industry leaders work together on central issues, a lot can be accomplished in a short period of time. We are excited for Colorado to continue evolving into a high quality fruit and vegetable producing state with nationally recognized brands.
Committee News

Food Safety Committee
Chair: Dominic DiSanti

Over the past few months, the Food Safety Committee has been working on several types of training and information to keep Colorado's produce growers informed about the changing food safety environment:

1. CSU's Food Science Department is finalizing a food safety plan development self-paced instructional video. Look for the final materials to be posted in November.
2. CFVGA co-hosted a Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule training Oct. 20 in Brighton, in conjunction with the Produce Safety Alliance and CSU Extension.
3. CFVGA is co-hosting a FSMA Preventive Controls training Feb. 1-3, 2017 in Brighton, in conjunction with Western Growers Association and CSU Extension. Look for more information in the next newsletter!

Nutrition & Health Committee
Chair: Amy Kunugi

The Nutrition & Health Committee continues to lend its assistance and expertise to CFVGA's seasonal produce promotion program funded by the Specialty Crops Block Grant. One example is a story distributed last month titled Encouraging Kids to Eat More Produce—Tips from a Professional. The story featured suggestions from CFVGA member Natalie Leffler, who works for the Nutrition Services Department at Greeley-Evans School District 6.

The story was picked up by a variety of agriculture, general news and food editors, including AgInfo.net. This radio network, which broadcasts stories on a number of Colorado radio stations, ran the story with comments from another CFVGA member Gabriella Warner, LiveWell Colorado. To listen to the report: [http://bit.ly/2dvvWut](http://bit.ly/2dvvWut)

Labor Committee
Chair: Reid Fishering

At its last meeting Oct. 5, the Labor Committee outlined its strategy for maximizing the Specialty Crop Block Grant dollars approved for labor recruitment advertising during 2017-18. Advertising on Spanish language radio stations and possibly Colorado Public Radio will drive interested listeners to coloradoproduce.org job listings. It is imperative that CFVGA members with labor needs post them well in advance for the greatest advertising effectiveness. Help wanted ads are FREE to CFVGA members.

Also discussed was CFVGA involvement in the National Council of Agriculture Employers and tangible tools for members to avoid or when facing labor audits.

Business Development Committee
Interim Chair: Robert Sakata
Submitted by Shaina Knight, Committee Co-Chair

The Business Development Committee is happy to report Colorado retailers are displaying the CFVGA Crop Calendar (see photo on page 6).

The committee is working on speakers within the business development topic for the Annual CFVGA Conference, Feb. 21, 2017 at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton. Topics planned include national and local trends in the produce industry. Buyers have been reaching out and also are excited to attend.

The committee will be placing website development at the forefront over the next few months. Publication of content will be announced, and member comment and feedback will be appreciated.

Please consider taking time this winter to connect with consumers. Often the most mundane, everyday farm work is of interest to the public. Do you have any nice photos or videos of your fields, your family or employees at work, people sampling your produce, etc.? What about your story of how you got into farming? Are you raising a different produce item this coming year? Please, please, please share your ideas and photos or short videos by sending them to CFVGA Executive Director Marilyn Bay Drake at admin@coloradoproduce.org or call her at 303-594-3827. If growers do not promote their own efforts and our industry as a whole, who will?

Also, the Business Development Committee is continuing to conduct a national scan of trade associations to address best practices in supporting members and seeking new produce promotional ideas.

The next committee meeting is Nov. 7. Input is always welcome, and we are glad to serve CFVGA members to achieve their business development goals.

Water Committee
Chair: Robert Sakata

The Colorado Ag Water Alliance in conjunction with the Interbasin Compact Committee will be holding an Agriculture Water Summit Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The focus of the program will be to continued on page 9
Colorado Carrot Cake Bread Pudding with Cinnamon Frosting
Serves 10-12

**Pudding Ingredients:**
- 10 slices bread, Brioche or Texas toast, cubed
- 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup dark brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice (or mix of cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice)
- 6 eggs, extra-large or jumbo
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, Kosher or smoked
- 2 tablespoons vanilla paste
- 2 cups Colorado carrots, shredded
- 1 cup red raisins
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 3/4 cups toasted pecan pieces

**Pudding Directions:**
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Spray and flour a 9x13 HEAVY weight cake pan, then add the cubed bread.
3. Top the bread with the carrots, raisins and pecans and set aside.
4. In a separate bowl mix eggs, sugar, salt, cream, vanilla paste and pie spice. Mix well to ensure the eggs and cream are incorporated.
5. Pour the egg and cream mixture over the bread mixture, and press into the pan until all bread is soaked with the egg/cream mixture.
6. Cover with foil and bake at 375 degrees for about 1 hour or until a wood skewer or toothpick comes out clean.
7. Remove the foil during the last 5-7 minutes of baking to brown the top of the bread pudding.
8. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before cutting.
9. Cut the bread pudding and serve warm with cinnamon frosting (below).

**Frosting Ingredients:**
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 lemon, juiced & zested
- 1 tablespoon vanilla paste
- 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

**Frosting Directions:**
1. In a mixing bowl add the softened cream cheese and mix by hand or with hand mixer until smooth.
2. Add the sugar, lemon juice, lemon zest, vanilla paste and salt. Mix until smooth and fluffy.
3. Store in the fridge until needed.
4. Prior to using, set up and let frosting come to room temperature, then serve on the side, or dollop on the top of the bread pudding servings.

This is one of several produce-focused dishes created by Chef Jason Morse, 5280 Culinary, with funding from the Specialty Crops Block Grant administered by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. See the CFVGA Facebook page or coloradoproduce.org for more recipes and nutrition information.

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CFVGA Committee News - continued

look at the results of a recent ag water survey and to also evaluate alternative transfer methods (ATMs) that have been successful.

The Water Committee will also be looking at the four suggested water bills that came out of the interim water committee recommendation to see what effect they could have on member operations. CFVGA members are urged to review and provide input on the proposed legislation: [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sca-legislativecouncil/2016-water-resources-review-committee](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sca-legislativecouncil/2016-water-resources-review-committee)

At the federal level, H.R. 4220 (Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act of 2015) passed out of the Ways and Means Committee just before Congress adjourned for the elections and is waiting to be heard on the House floor. There is some hope that this small bill could have a chance to be voted on during the lame duck session. The purpose of this legislation is to change the tax code to allow mutual irrigation ditch companies to maintain their tax exempt status even if outside income for the ditch company exceeds the current cap of 15 percent, as long as the monies are spent repairing ditch infrastructure. See: [https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4220](https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4220)

If you have any comments please send them to Robert Sakata at rtsakata@aol.com.
2016 Vegetable Crop Research at CSU's Arkansas Valley Research Center

By Michael Bartolo Ph.D, Colorado State University--Arkansas Valley Research Center

During the 2016 produce season, the Arkansas Valley Research Center, located outside of Rocky Ford, conducted twelve distinct trials looking at improved cultural and pest management practices for onions, melons, peppers and tomatoes. A few of the studies are briefly described below.

For onions, in addition to the annual cultivar evaluation, the impact of soil selenium on onion composition was examined. Selenium, a common element in Colorado soils, is reportedly taken up by onions and incorporated into compounds that could help prevent the development of cancers. Further analysis of the onion bulbs and soils will be conducted this coming winter at on-campus lab facilities to determine if and how onions are affected by Colorado growing conditions.

In another onion study supported by the Colorado Onion Association, the transmittance of bacterial pathogens, specifically E. coli, from irrigation water to the harvested crop was examined. As growers face increased regulations concerning the impact of water quality on food safety, these types of studies will help growers better understand if a health risk is truly present and if so, what the potential ways to mitigate those risks are.

For peppers, Colorado State University continues to develop and evaluate new chile pepper cultivars that will help meet the increasing demand and more diverse culinary uses of peppers state-wide. In addition to yield and other horticultural traits, the chemical (heat and nutrient content) composition of the novel pepper types are also being evaluated.

As the data becomes fully analyzed and reports completed, additional information will be available via the CFVGA website and the CSU Agricultural Experiment Station website.

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Pending Elections Create Uncertainty

By Dennis Nuxoll, Western Growers, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Washington D.C.

As summer leaves turn orange in Washington, D.C., all eyes are on the November election. The election has dominated events so much that members of Congress were in session for less than a month in September before heading back home to run for re-election. In the month that they were here Congress’ main objective was keeping the government funded, which they did by extending current funding levels until December, deferring the tough decisions on a final budget until after the election when Congress returns for two or three weeks.

These “lame duck” sessions, so called because decision-makers in some instances are at the end of their terms, are unpredictable. Sometimes very little is accomplished, and in other years, the lame duck session involves passing significant legislation. Congress at a minimum needs to pass the government funding bill for next year, but members of Congress could choose to deal with other unfinished business as well. For example, the House and Senate have each passed and both chambers are involved in bipartisan negotiations of an energy bill, which could include Western water provisions.

In addition, depending on the outcome of the election, the Senate might take up the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Merrick Garland. It was previously thought that Congress might debate the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement involving more than a dozen Pacific countries, but it seems that legislation is dead for now. While I don’t have any insight into how things will play out, your staff here in Washington, D.C. is prepared for all outcomes that might impact you.

Western Growers legislative staff is pushing for water provisions in the energy bill. When and if the Trans-Pacific Partnership resurfaces, we would push members to support it since American agriculture largely benefits from opening up trade to Japan.

In regard to immigration reform, both nominees have immigration as a high priority. While neither Donald Trump nor Hillary Clinton have specifically discussed in detail the needs of agriculture, we do have a sense of their views.

Clinton has indicated broad support for immigration reform and has spoken favorably about the comprehensive immigration reform package that the Senate passed a few years ago. That legislation had specific provisions designed to address agricultural needs. Whether Clinton supports that entire agricultural package, we do not know, but her general views are clear. She supports a comprehensive immigration reform package and would move on one as soon as she could.

Trump has a different view. He and his vice presidential candidate have both indicated that they equate a comprehensive immigration reform bill to “amnesty.” They would start with security first and then examine other reform efforts. During the Oct. 4 vice presidential debate, Mike Pence said, “It begins with border security. After we secure the border, not only build a wall, but beneath the ground and in the air, we do internal enforcement. The focus has to be on criminal aliens… Donald Trump said we are going to move those people out. People have overstayed their visas. We are going to enforce the law of this country and strengthen immigration and customs enforcement with more resources and personnel to be able to do that, and then Donald Trump has made it clear. Once we have done all of those things, then we are going to reform the immigration system that we have in this country.”

Regardless of who is elected, we know immigration reform will take years to implement even if passed immediately. That’s why Western Growers is working now on behalf of growers to improve the current H2A system.

Colorado Legislative Concerns Addressed in Washington, D.C.

CFVGA President Robert Sakata, Sakata Family Farms, Brighton, joined United Fresh’s legislative conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 12-14. Over 400 people involved with fruit and vegetable production from across the United States visited members of Congress and regulatory agencies on and around Capitol Hill to carry their stories to the nation’s capital.

Colorado was represented well, with CFVGA explaining to Colorado members of Congress the challenges growers face.

“Unfortunately there wasn’t great optimism that much would be accomplished this lame duck session,” said Sakata. “But it was good to continue to develop the relationships with each of the Colorado representatives.”
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