

## **Frank & Tom Muller: Chamber Agri-businessmen of the Year**

Frank and Tom Muller of the Muller Ranch have been named the Woodland Chamber of Commerce's Agri-Business of the Year. Frank and Tom will be honored at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm-City Harvest Celebration on Thursday, October 27 starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Hotel Woodland.

Last year's luncheon featured Tim O'Halloran as the Agri-Business Person of the Year. Tim is the General Manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Also to be honored will be the Outstanding FFA Student and Scholarship Recipient.

According to their web site, Muller Ranch, a farm located just west of Woodland, is a grower of processing tomatoes, specialty peppers, corn, wheat, canola, cucumbers, grapes, garlic, walnuts, almonds, sunflowers and other crops. Muller Ranch farms several thousand acres throughout Yolo County.

Although its primary reason for existence is to produce high quality products, Muller Ranch views several other issues as vital to the proper functioning of a company. As a responsible part of society, Muller Ranch believes in responsible action in areas such as:

- Biodiversity
- Soil Health
- Water Consumption
- Agrochemicals and Fuels
- Energy Consumption
- Waste Disposal
- Social and Human Capital
- Value Chain and Local Economy Involvement
- Training

Each of these areas is fundamentally important to the sustainable and responsible functioning of any business. Muller Ranch is committed to critically looking at each of the above categories to see how it can better act as a major producer in a global market.

The Muller Family has farmed in this region for over 40 years. Sustainability efforts and responsibility have always gone hand-in-hand with farming practice. Muller Ranch is committed to continuous improvement in all of the before mentioned areas.

The guest speaker will be Emily Rooney, President of the Agricultural Council of California. Emily joined the Ag Council in 2008 and became President in 2010. She manages the organization and handles regulatory and budget policy matters on behalf of Ag Council members.

Prior to her work with the Ag Council, Emily served as director of farm policy for the California Farm Bureau Federation where she represented the interests and objectives of California's farmers and ranchers as they relate to farm policy, tax and biotech issues before the U.S. government and administrative bodies. In addition, Emily has legislative experience in Washington, D.C. where she worked for two members of Congress, advising on issues including agriculture, budget, taxes and judiciary matters.

Emily comes from an agricultural background in San Joaquin County where her family owns a beef cattle and sheep operation just outside of Lodi. Emily is a graduate of the University of California, Davis and Class 39 of the California Agricultural Leadership Program.

A Fall Feast will be served by Cracchiolo's Market & Catering. To purchase a ticket for \$40.00, contact Cynthia at the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, or make a check out to the Chamber and mail to: 307 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Phone: (530) 662-7327 Fax orders: (530) 662-4086. Tickets must be purchased by October 21st.

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**THREE PHOTOS WERE SENT IN A SEPARATE E-MAIL TO CLARISSA.**

**Emily Rooney, President, Agricultural Council of California  
(Photo: Agricultural Council of California)**

**Tom & Frank Muller  
Photo by: Clarissa Pohl**