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**RICE FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
*California Rice Commission Annual Grower Meetings will be held later this month*

**SACRAMENTO-** The latest news on issues affecting California rice farmers will be presented during the upcoming Annual Grower Meetings held by the California Rice Commission (CRC), scheduled for January 13.

Topics covered during the meetings include the latest CRC activities, an update on news important to the rice industry from the State Capitol by George Soares, founding member and partner of the prestigious law firm Kahn, Soares and Conway and an update on Washington, D.C. activities by Randy Russell, partner of the government relations firm, Russell and Barron.

“These meetings provide a lot of information on issues important to our farming operations,” said CRC Chairman Charley Mathews, a Yuba County rice farmer. “There’s a lot of insight available from experts about state and federal developments that affect our industry.”

The morning session begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Bonanza Inn Magnuson Grand Hotel in Yuba City, while the afternoon meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Colusa Casino Resort Conference Center in Colusa. Registration will be held thirty minutes prior to each meeting. All members of the rice industry are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be raffle prizes at each meeting. Dow AgroSciences is sponsoring this year’s meetings.

For more information about the CRC’s Annual Grower Meetings, please contact Jim Morris at 916/387-2264 or [jmorris@calrice.org](mailto:jmorris@calrice.org).

*(The California Rice Commission represents the entire California rice industry, including all growers and handlers who farm and process rice produced on some 500,000 acres annually.)*