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## **CRMB Weekly Update**



**Raisin Industry News and the work of the California Raisin Marketing Board, by Gary Schulz, President and General Manager**

### **Raisin Industry Statistics**

For Industry Statistics, such as Deliveries to Handlers, Shipments, etc. please go to the RAC website: [www.raisins.org](http://www.raisins.org)

### **CRMB Meetings**

None scheduled.

**Fresno Area Weather Forecast may be found at:**

<http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/93710>

## Raisin Theft Update

Raisin theft continues to plague growers in the South County areas near Selma and Caruthers. Year to date losses for thefts of raisins is approximately \$40,000. The primary targets of these crimes have been transportation staging areas near vineyards where numerous bins of raisins have been stolen. In some of these thefts, the suspects have used the victim's own unsecured forklift to load the stolen bins onto the suspect's vehicle.

By transporting products out of the vineyard as soon as possible, securing staging areas and securing forklifts/loading equipment, you can significantly reduce the risks of being victimized. Promptly report any thefts or suspicious vehicles, regardless of how trivial they might seem.

Deputies recently stopped a suspicious person with a pick-up load of rolled trays. While investigating the initial contact, a Caruthers grower promptly reported a theft of raisins that had just occurred. Because of that grower's quick actions and willingness to file charges, two ag thieves were arrested and booked into jail.

For any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact the Sheriff's Ag Task Force by one of the following ways:

Ag Task Force Office (559) 898-0667

Sheriff's Dispatch (559) 488-3111

Email [agcrimes@fresnosheriff.org](mailto:agcrimes@fresnosheriff.org)

Of course for crimes in progress, please call 911.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your assistance and support.

Sincerely;

Sgt. Michael Chapman

Fresno Sheriff's Office

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## **Taste of California Trade Show and Conference**

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## **UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS**

### **Taste of California Trade Show and Conference**

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### **2012 Grape, Raisin and Nut Expo**

Wednesday, November 7, Big Fresno Fairgrounds, sponsored by American Vineyard Magazine. For more information, go to [www.americanvineyardmagazine.com/cvgrexpo.html](http://www.americanvineyardmagazine.com/cvgrexpo.html)

### **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Agribusiness Management Conference**

Wednesday, November 7, Radisson Hotel Conference Center.  
Sponsored by the Center for Agricultural Business, CSU-Fresno

### **Baker, Peterson & Franklin/Fresno Chamber Ag Awards Luncheon**

Wednesday, November 14, Tornino's

### **Fresno Food Expo**

Thursday, March 14, 2013, Fresno Convention Center. For more information, go to <http://www.fresnofoodexpo.com>

### **International Nut and Dried Fruit Conference (INC)**

May 21-23, 2013, Barcelona, Spain

For information, go to [www.nutfruit.org](http://www.nutfruit.org)

### **Have a Great Weekend!**

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