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**LEADING AG ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESS
DISAPPOINTMENT IN NEWSOM SUPPORT FOR
HIKING TAXES ON FARMS AND RANCHES**

PROP 15 HIKES TAXES ON FARMERS AND HURTS CONSUMERS

SACRAMENTO – California Family Farmers Against Prop 15, a coalition of California’s leading agricultural organizations representing more than 60,000 farmers and ranchers of all types across the state released the following statement regarding Gov. Newsom’s endorsement of Prop 15, the \$11 billion / year property tax hike.

“California’s family farmers are keenly disappointed in the Governor’s support for raising taxes on agricultural property. Prop 15’s higher taxes on farms and ranches will hurt farmers and increase grocery prices for California consumers, many of whom are already struggling with the high cost of living in our state.”

Prop 15 proponents exempted agriculture land, but they included a fatal drafting error which exposes agricultural fixtures and improvements to higher taxes, including fruit and nut trees, grape vines, dairies, feedlots, irrigation systems and more. The independent, nonpartisan state Legislative Analyst’s Office and the California Assessors’ Association have each confirmed this flaw will expose agricultural property to higher taxes.

Prop. 15 doesn’t just increase property taxes on agriculture – it exposes critical support industries to property tax increases as well, like farm equipment dealers, transportation companies, warehouses and our food processors.

Every step in the process of producing food and getting it to your neighborhood grocery store or restaurant – planting, irrigating, harvesting, processing, transporting, storing – is exposed to higher property taxes under this poorly timed and flawed measure.

For more info, please visit <https://cafarmersagainstoprop15.com/> or contact Ned Wigglesworth at Ned@SpectrumCampaigns.com.