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invite you to attend a



***Luncheon Briefing Featuring
California Food & Agriculture
Secretary A.G. Kawamura***

**Thursday, September 23, 2004
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1302 Longworth House Office Building**

You are invited to attend a luncheon briefing regarding California's specialty crop industry and pending legislation, which will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2004, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in Room 1302 of the Longworth House Office Building.

The briefing will feature comments by A.G. Kawamura, who was appointed in November 2003 by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The Secretary will discuss the Ose-Dooley legislation focused on the specialty crop industry, as well as emergency agriculture appropriations issues.

Secretary Kawamura is a produce grower and shipper from Orange County, where his family grows strawberries, green beans and other specialty crops. Before his appointment, he was a member of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture and chaired the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee, which advised the USDA on international trade. He held board positions with CDFA's Western Institute for Food Safety and Security, a partnership with U.C. Davis, and with the California Institute for Specialty Crops, a partnership with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Secretary Kawamura also served as president of the Orange County Farm Bureau.

More than two dozen California agricultural industries participate in the "California Grown" campaign, a marketing effort promoting products of California's farms, ranches, forests and fisheries. For more information, visit <http://www.californiagrown.org>. Our appreciation to John McCamman and Paul Sweet of Fleishman-Hillard for organizational assistance.

To attend the briefing, please reply (acceptances only, thank you) to michael@calinst.org or contact the California Institute at 202-546-3700.