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Applications are now being accepted for FAACT Leadership Development Program

August 15 is application deadline

Fresno County Farm Bureau's Leadership Development Program is accepting applications to be part of the 2008-09 Future Advocates for Agriculture Concerned about Tomorrow (FAACT) Class VI. The deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 15.

The FAACT Leadership Development Program provides community leaders with a comprehensive eight-month program highlighting specific issue areas in agriculture. Both agricultural and non-agricultural, community-minded people are encouraged to apply.

Beginning on Oct. 13, class participants will meet once-a-month for a day-long seminar to discuss current issues in food and fiber production. The Class will meet one day a month (on Mondays) from October through June (excluding December.)

As part of the curriculum, FAACT offers a balanced, factual presentation of several issue areas specific to agriculture, such as air quality, land use planning, water quality regulations and water supply development, immigration and agricultural labor issues, regulatory processes, and the economic viability of agriculture. The class sessions use a combination of lectures by noted experts and field trips.

Tuition for the program is \$350 per person. The deadline to submit an application is Aug. 15. Applications are available online at: www.fcfb.org. Direct questions to Teresa Plascencia at (559) 237-0263 or email: teresap@fcfb.org.

Fresno County Farm Bureau represents more than 4,800 members on air quality, land use, water, labor and agricultural related issues. Fresno County produces more than 350 commercial crops annually, totaling more than \$5.3 billion dollars in gross production value.

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