**ATTENTION CALIFORNIA WHEAT GROWERS**

**PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED FLOUR MILLING MERGER**

July 16th, 2013

3:30 - 5:00 pm

University of California Cooperative Extension Office

680 N. Campus Drive, Suite A

Hanford, CA 93230

The U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division is investigating a proposed joint venture between ConAgra Foods, Cargill and CHS Inc. that would combine the flour milling operations of ConAgra Mills and Horizon Milling (a Cargill/CHS joint venture) into a new joint venture called Ardent Mills.  As with any antitrust investigation, the division would like to hear from people who are familiar with the relevant industries.  In this case, that includes flour and other products derived from the flour milling process as well as wheat, the primary ingredient in flour milling. The division is investigating how the proposed joint venture could affect competition in markets for these products.

The Department of Justice has asked the California Wheat Commission to organize a public listening session for wheat growers and interested parties. For more information, call 530 661-1292 or email info@californiawheat.org.