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# Governor Schwarzenegger and Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm Place Friendly Wager Over NBA Finals Outcome

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger placed a friendly wager with Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today over the outcome of the NBA Finals, pitting the Los Angeles Lakers vs. the Detroit Pistons.

In the spirit of friendly competition, the two governors have wagered a meal over the outcome of the series. If the Los Angeles Lakers are successful, Governor Schwarzenegger will send Governor Granholm some of California's finest agricultural and food products, including a bottle of California wine, fresh California asparagus, an In-N-Out Burger from the legendary California-based fast food chain, and fresh California strawberries and ice cream for dessert. Governor Granholm agreed to provide evidence of consumption of the meal while wearing a Los Angeles Lakers jersey.

If the Detroit Pistons win, Governor Granholm will send Governor Schwarzenegger a meal consisting of some of Michigan's finest food products, including a warm baked pastie (a pastry piled full with potatoes, meat and vegetables), a refreshing cool Vernors (a popular carbonated beverage throughout Michigan) and a dessert of chocolate covered Michigan cherries. Governor Schwarzenegger agreed to provide evidence of consumption of the meal while wearing a Detroit Pistons jersey.

California's farmers produced more than \$27.5 billion in farm value in 2002. California's 84,000 farms cover about one-third of the state's total land area. Nearly two-thirds of the farmland is rangeland and one-third is cropland. Farms in the Golden State produce more than half of the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts from just 3 percent of the nation's farmland. Agriculture supports 1.1 million jobs, nearly eight percent of all jobs in the state. California agriculture and related industries directly account for seven percent of the gross state product.

The Los Angeles Lakers have won three of the last four NBA championships, and nine NBA championships overall. The NBA finals will commence on Sunday, June 6.

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