



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

OUR MISSION AS A DEPARTMENT:

"PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT, ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COUNTY'S CITIZENS, AND FOSTERING CONFIDENCE AND EQUITY IN THE MARKETPLACE THROUGH EDUCATION AND THE FAIR AND UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS, REGULATION, AND ORDINANCES ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.."

3 DIVISIONS

- WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
- CONSUMER AND AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION
- ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



TO PROTECT THE ECONOMIC INTEREST OF BOTH BUYER AND SELLER IN ALL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING WEIGHT, MEASURE OR COUNT.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



- TEST AND CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF ALL 130K COMMERCIAL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES;
- CONDUCT SUB-METERED DEVICES - 105K
- CONDUCT SCANNER INSPECTIONS TO VERIFY PRICE ACCURACY - 12K

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



Inspect petroleum products for quantity, advertising and labeling
- 17k



Inspect packaged goods to assure that they are advertised and sold by correct weight, measure or count.



CONSUMER AND AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION



CONSUMER AND AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION

Inspection of produce to ensure compliance with maturity, quality, and packing requirements



Biologists certify the quality and condition of fruits and vegetables in accordance with state standards and federal specifications.

CONSUMER AND AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION



- Facilitate in Exporting Goods to foreign countries- Inspect fruit and sign Phytosanitary Certificates - 3k
- Pest Exclusion - incoming packages and commodities (mail, FedEx)
- Pest Detection (trapping and surveys) to prevent the establishment of exotic pests. - 9k
- Eradication of specific pests and management of weed and vertebrate pests.

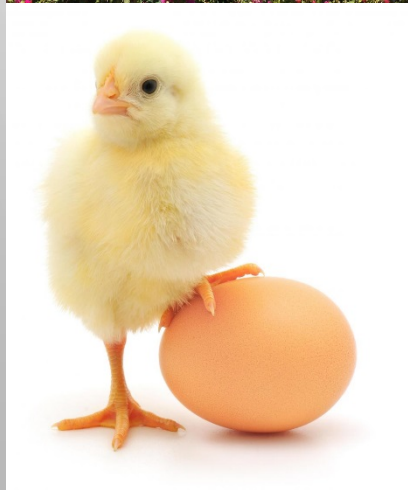
CONSUMER AND AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REPORT
2014



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- Bee Colony Strength
- Crop statistics - Annual Crop Report - 14th @ 1.3 billion/199k ac.
 - 4,600 ac Bell Peppers
 - 8,100 ac Dates
- Nursery & Seed inspections- for cleanliness (insect, weed & disease-free)
- Egg Quality Control

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



Ensure that pesticides are used in an appropriate and responsible manner that protects the environment, the public and the employees of businesses that handle pesticides.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Enforce Both Federal EPA and Cal EPA laws and make sure that everyone is complying with the laws and regulations that are in place to protect people and the environment. We do this by conducting inspections and investigations.



Yearly, we conduct on average about: 600 Pesticide Use Monitoring Inspections, 160 pest control record inspections, investigate 90 allegations into pesticide misuse, and perform 200 Structural Pest Control inspections.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



Assure the safety of field workers, the safety of people handling and working with pesticides, the protection of the environment and the protection of the general public.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Issue annual Operator ID and Restricted Material Permits.

- Avg. 1000 permits



Provide information (Outreach) to the public by giving presentations to different groups.



Environmental and Public Protection

Fieldworker Safety Inspections:

Are unannounced/ spot inspections

Look for:

- ✓ Decontamination facilities- water, soap and single use towels
- ✓ Pesticide Safety Information Series A-9
- ✓ Fieldworker Pesticide Training
- ✓ Emergency Medical Care Information
- ✓ Early Entry ? (No Fieldworkers allowed in field unless Restricted Entry Interval (REI) has expired or appropriate PPE has been provided to enter site)
- ✓ Farm Labor Contractor County yearly registration



Environmental and Public Protection

INVESTIGATIONS

HUMAN EFFECTS

- ILLNESS DUE TO PESTICIDE USE AT HOME OR WORK
- DRIFT ONTO PUBLIC OR FIELDWORKERS
- EARLY ENTRY PROBLEMS
- DOCTOR'S FIRST REPORTS- RASHES, INGESTIONS, ETC.
- PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



Environmental and Public Protection

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS/REPORTS OF LOSS

- DRIFT ONTO CROPS
- ILLEGAL APPLICATIONS ONTO CROPS



OTHER

- DRIFT ONTO CARS, HOMES, PERSONAL PROPERTY ETC. (NO HUMAN EFFECTS)
- EMPLOYER DOESN'T PROVIDE PROPER PPE TO EMPLOYEE
- PLANES FLYING TOO CLOSE TO HOMES
- COMPLAINTS OF NOT BEING REGISTERED/LICENSED



ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

AGRICULTURAL CIVIL PENALTY (ACP)

FINE LEVELS

(DEPEND ON VIOLATION CLASS)

CLASS C (MINOR): \$50 - \$400

CLASS B (MODERATE): \$250 - \$1000

CLASS A (SERIOUS): \$700 - \$5000

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