

COUNTY

2024 CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORT

# **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER STAFF**



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER LETTER** 



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IN SACRAMENTO
COUNTY



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**NOVEMBER** 

**PROGRAM** 









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We are proud to feature a tribute to retired Chief **Deputy Agricultural** Commissioner Parminder Malhi, who dedicated over 25 years of service

to Sacramento

County.

Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures





**County of Sacramento** 

**County Executive** David Villanueva

The Honorable Board of Supervisors Karen Ross, Secretary

California Department of Food and Agriculture

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I am pleased to present the 2024 Sacramento County Crop and Livestock Report, prepared in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. This report offers a detailed overview of acreage, yields, and production values for Sacramento County's diverse agricultural industry. Please note that all values reflect gross returns and do not represent net profits or losses.

In 2024, the gross production value of agricultural commodities in Sacramento County totaled \$536,154,000, representing an 8% decrease from the previous year. Wine grapes remained the County's top-valued commodity, with a gross value of \$167.905.000 across more than 37.173 harvested acres. However, this reflects an 18% decline due to reduced yields and lower prices per ton.

Market milk reclaimed its position as the County's second-highest valued commodity at \$51,213,000, a 10% increase over 2023. Pears followed closely in third place, valued at \$49,559,000. Notable gains in 2024 included walnuts ( $\uparrow$ 55%), ryegrass ( $\uparrow$ 50%), almonds ( $\uparrow$ 42%), and corn for grain ( $\uparrow$ 37%).

This year's report is enclosed within a simple and elegant 2026 calendar, which also includes key programmatic highlights from the Department. We are proud to feature a tribute to retired Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Parminder Malhi, who dedicated over 25 years of service to Sacramento County. His commitment to the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, and to the residents and agricultural community of the County, is deeply appreciated.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Megan Thomas, Natalie Cunha, Laura McCready, and Kevin Martyn for their invaluable contributions to this report. I also wish to express my gratitude to the many agricultural businesses and producers who provided the essential data that made this report possible—your support is truly appreciated.

Chif Hus Agricultural Commissioner

Sealer of Weights & Measures

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2024 SUMMARY

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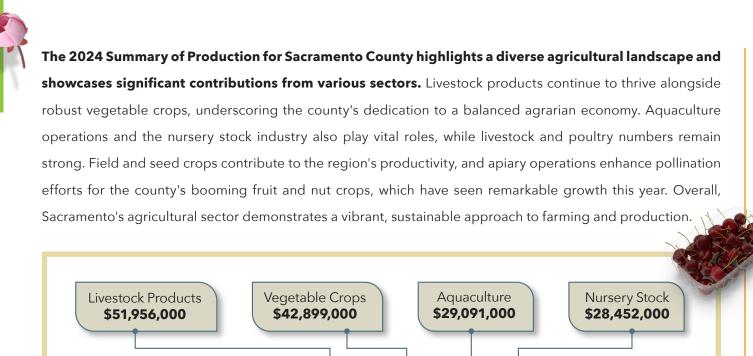
Seed Crops

\$4,850,000

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\$1,596,000

Fruit & Nut Crops **\$258,463,000** 



Livestock & Poultry

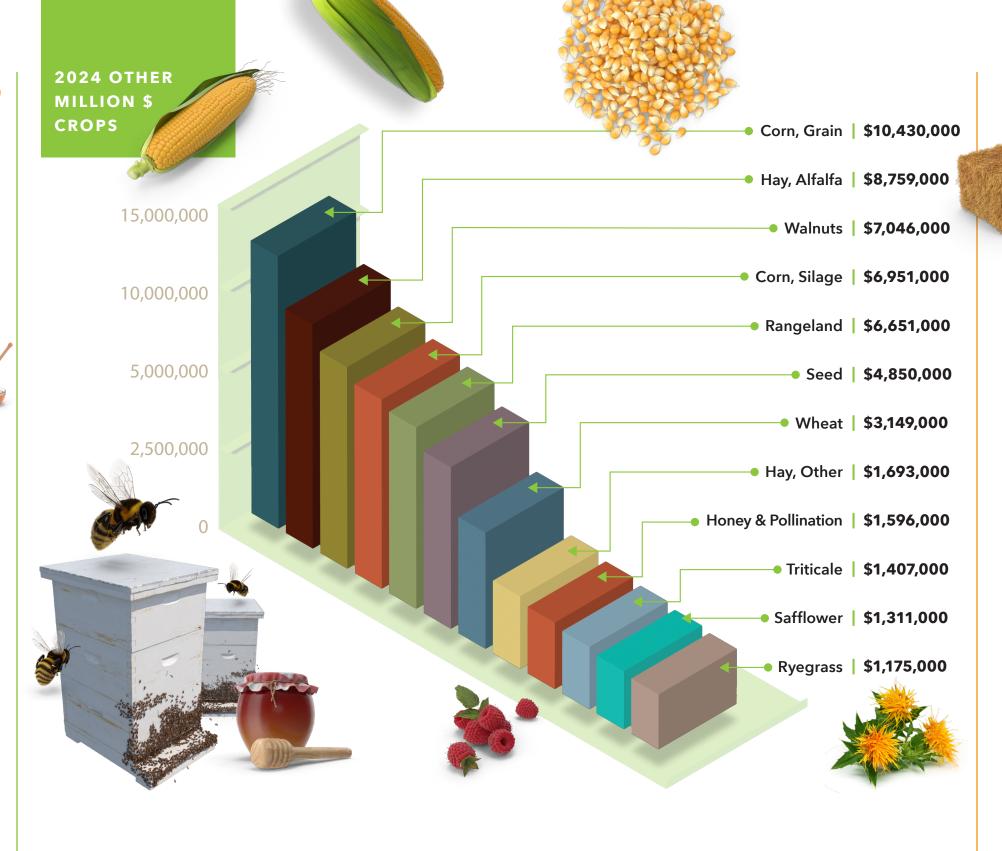
\$55,527,000

Field Crops

\$63,320,000

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## A Tribute to Parminder Malhi

THIS YEAR'S CROP REPORT CARRIES A SPECIAL NOTE OF
APPRECIATION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CAREER HAS LEFT
A LASTING IMPRINT ON SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE, PARMINDER MALHI RETIRED IN JANUARY
2025, MARKING THE END OF A DISTINGUISHED CAREER
DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION AND ADVANCEMENT

OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER FAIRNESS, AND

PUBLIC SERVICE.

Parminder graduated from Punjab Agricultural University in India in 1996, majoring in Plant Protection. A couple of years later, on June 8, 1998, he began his career with Sacramento County's Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Parminder climbed through the ranks over the years, promoting from Inspector to Deputy Sealer and then to Chief Deputy.

Throughout his career, Parminder contributed to many significant projects

and programs. Early on, he led efforts to digitize old agricultural field boundary maps. As Chief Deputy, he was instrumental in developing a penalty matrix for the Automated Point of Sale System program. The

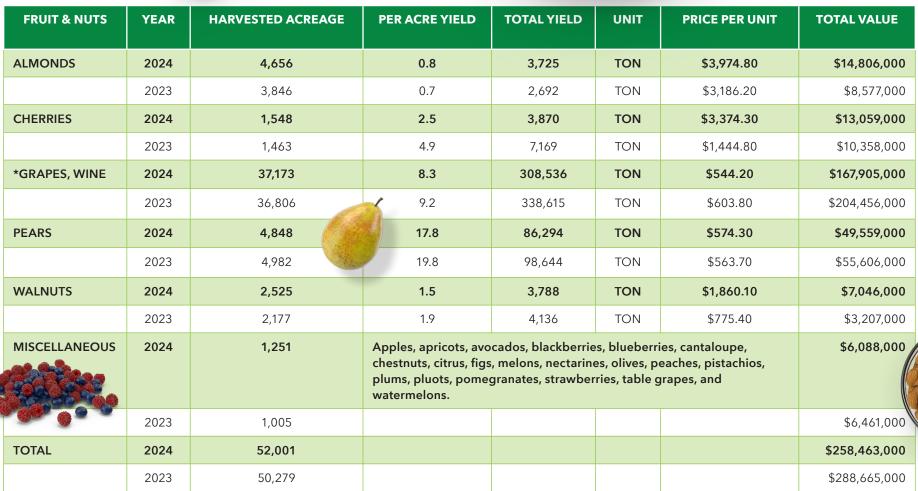
matrix ensures consistent and equitable enforcement. These contributions reflect not only technical skill but also a deep commitment to fairness and innovation.

He leaves behind not just a legacy of service, but also years of friendships. "I will miss my office and my coworkers, some of whom I have worked with for over 20 years," he said. "I will also miss the business entities and ag industry which I served in my career."

We thank Parminder for his years of dedicated service, his quiet leadership, and his unwavering commitment to Sacramento County's mission. His presence is deeply missed, but we wish him the best!







\*Reported wine varietals grown include: Albarino, Barbera, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Dornfelder, Durif, French Columbard, Gewurtztraminer, Graciano, Grenache, Grenache Blanc, Lagren, Malbec, Merlot, Monastrell, Muscat, Petite Syrah, Petite Verdot, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Primitivo, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Souzao, Syrah, Tannat, Tempranillo, Teroldego, Verdejo, Viogner, White Riesling, and Zinfandel.









	VEGETABLES	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE YIELD	TOTAL YIELD	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE	
	TOMATOES,	2024	Included in miscellaneous			TON			
7	PROCESSED	2023	6,609	41.3	272,952	TON	\$138.00	\$37,667,000	
1	MISCELLANEOUS	2024	11,725	eggplants, garlic, g	Asparagus, beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplants, garlic, gourds, herbs, leafy greens, leeks, okra, onions, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, squash, and tomatoes.				
	•	2023	2,187					\$21,207,000	
	TOTAL	2024	11,888					\$42,899,000	
		2023	8,796			<b>A</b>		\$58,874,000	





FIELD CROPS	YEAR	HARVESTED ACRES	PER ACRE YIELD	TOTAL YIELD	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
BEAN, DRIED	2024	470	1.0	470	TON	\$1,670.00	\$785,000
	2023	888	0.9	799	TON	\$1,500.00	\$1,199,000
CORN, GRAIN	2024	13,561	4.4	59,668	TON	\$174.80	\$10,430,000
	2023	7,872	4.7	36,998	TON	\$176.40	\$6,527,000
CORN, SILAGE	2024	7,007	25.9	181,481	TON	\$38.30	\$6,951,000
	2023	10,696	24.8	265,261	TON	\$46.00	\$12,202,000
HAY, ALFALFA	2024	9,116	5.3	48,315	TON	\$181.30	\$8,759,000
	2023	9,037	5.5	49,704	TON	\$207.30	\$10,304,000
HAY, OTHER (CLOVER, FORAGE, ORCHARDGRASS, AND PASTURE HAY.)	2024	3,715	4.4	16,346	TON	\$103.60	\$1,693,000
	2023	4,416	2.1	9,274	TON	\$222.30	\$2,062,000
OAT SILAGE	2024	3,199	12.0	38,388	TON	\$24.90	\$956,000
	2023	3,117	14.2	44,261	TON	\$28.40	\$1,257,000
RANGELAND <sup>1</sup>	2024	147,789			ACRE	\$45.00	\$6,651,000
	2023	147,789			ACRE	\$27.50	\$4,064,000
RICE	2024	9,620	4.4	42,328	TON	\$369.20	\$15,627,000
-	2023	8,437	4.3	36,279	TON	\$455.80	\$16,536,000
RYEGRASS	2024	3,963	3.5	13,871	TON	\$84.70	\$1,175,000
	2023	2,307	1.9	4,383	TON	\$134.80	\$591,000
SAFFLOWER	2024	2,621	1.0	2,621	TON	\$500.00	\$1,311,000
	2023	1,252	1.0	1,252	TON	\$728.80	\$912,000
TRITICALE	2024	2,258	2.9	6,548	TON	\$214.80	\$1,407,000
W.	2023	5,484	2.9	15,904	TON	\$211.60	\$3,365,000
WHEAT	2024	5,993	2.7	16,181	TON	\$194.60	\$3,149,000
	2023	4,345	2.8	12,166	TON	\$227.20	\$2,764,000
WHEAT SILAGE	2024	Included in misce	llaneous		TON		
	2023	2,965	13.9	41,214	TON	\$31.60	\$1,302,000
MISC. FIELD	2024	7,824		, hops, irrigated pasture, oats, rye, miscellaneous sudangrass, and sunflower.			\$4,426,000
	2023	3,609					\$1,074,000
TOTAL	2024	217,136					\$63,320,000
	2023	212,214					\$64,159,000





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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	YEAR	NO. OF HEAD	LIVEWEIGHT	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE	
CATTLE & CALVES	2024	18,568	126,444	CWT	\$177.30	\$22,419,000	
	2023	18,811	127,124	CWT	\$160.50	\$20,403,000	
POULTRY	2024	Chickens and tur	Chickens and turkeys.				
	2023			1	THE STATE OF THE S	\$34,386,000	
LIVESTOCK, OTHER	2024	Goats, hogs, and	I sheep.			\$597,000	
	2023					\$559,000	
TOTAL	2024					\$55,527,000	
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LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	YEAR	PRODUCTION	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE		
MILK	2024	2,382,000	CWT	\$21.50	\$51,213,000		
	2023	2,380,000	CWT	\$19.40	\$46,172,000		
MISCELLANEOUS	2024	Poultry manure an	Poultry manure and Sheep wool				
	2023				\$649,000		
TOTAL	2024				\$51,956,000		
	2023	99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99	SALLIA S 0 2 2 4 8	O O	\$46,821,000		
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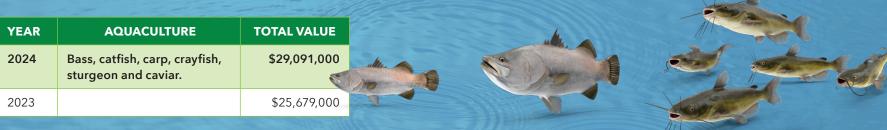


## APIARY, AQUACULTURE, NURSERY & SEED **PRODUCTION**

YEAR	APIARY	TOTAL VALUE			
2024	*Honey and pollination	\$1,596,000			
2023	Honey and pollination	\$1,206,000			
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\* Includes honey, pollination, package bees, queens, and wax.

YEAR	AQUACULTURE	TOTAL VALUE
2024	Bass, catfish, carp, crayfish, sturgeon and caviar.	\$29,091,000
2023		\$25,679,000



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SEED	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE YIELD	TOTAL YIELD	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
	2024	714	Cucumber, oat, onion,	pumpkin, sorghum	, watermelo	n, and wheat seed.	\$4,850,000
	2023	1,084					\$4,977,000
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NURSERY STOCK	YEAR	HARVESTED ACREAGE	PER ACRE YIELD	TOTAL YIELD	UNIT	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE
	2024	365	Ornamental trees and shrubs, christmas trees, and turf grass.				\$28,452,000
6	2023	488					\$39,073,000
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY 2025 CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

#### **TUESDAY**

#### **Fair Oaks Farmers' Market**

Fair Oaks Park, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks Tuesdays, 9am - 2pm, Year Round

#### Kaiser Folsom Farmers' Market

2155 Iron Point Road, Folsom Tuesdays, 9:30am - 1:30pm, Year Round

#### **WEDNESDAY**

## **Capitol Mall Farmers' Market**

600 Capitol Mall, Sacramento Wednesdays, 8:30am - 1:30pm, May - October

#### Folsom Palladio Farmers' Market

260 Palladio Parkway, Folsom Wednesdays, 9am - 1pm, Year Round

## **THURSDAY**

## Florin Certified Farmers' Market

3019 Florin Road, Sacramento Thursdays, 7am - 1pm, Year Round

## Orangevale Farmers' Market

6826 Hazel Ave., Orangevale Thursdays, 3pm - 8pm, May - October

## **Sutter Medical Center Farmers' Market**

2825 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento Thursdays, 2:30pm - 5:30pm, Year Round

## **FRIDAY**

## Kaiser Morse Farmers' Market

2025 Morse Avenue, Sacramento Fridays, 9:30am - 1:30pm, Year Round

## Kaiser South Sacramento Farmers' Market

6600 Bruceville Road, Sacramento Fridays, 9am - 2pm, Year Round



## Arden-Arcade Certified Farmers' Market

2405 Butano Dr, Sacramento Saturdays, 8am - 12pm, Year Round

#### Laguna-Elk Grove Certified Farmers' Market

8245 Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove Saturdays, 8am - 12pm, Year Round

#### **Rancho Cordova Certified Farmers' Market**

11164 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova Saturdays, 8am - 12pm, Year Round

## **ONE Natomas Farmers' Market**

2501 New Market Dr, Sacramento Saturdays, 8:30am - 12:30pm, May - September

#### Midtown Farmers' Market

1050 20th St, Sacramento Saturdays, 8am - 1pm, Year Round

#### **Historic Folsom Farmers' Market**

915 Sutter Street, Folsom Saturdays, 8am - 1pm, Year Round

## **Greenhaven Pocket Farmers' Market**

6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento Sundays, 9am - 1pm, April - October

## Sunrise Mall Farmers' Market

6041 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights Saturdays, 8am - 1pm, Year Round

## Oak Park Farmers' Market

3500 5th Avenue, Sacramento Saturdays, 9am - 1pm, April - October

## SUNDAY

## Sacramento Central Sunday Certified Farmers' Market

700 W Street, Sacramento Sundays, 8am - 12pm, Year Round

## Carmichael Farmers' Market

Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael Sundays, 9am - 2pm, Year Round

## **McKinley Park Farmers' Market**

601 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento Sundays, 10am - 2pm, Year Round

## **Meadowview Certified Farmers' Market**

3501 Meadowview Road, Sacramento Sundays, 8am - 1pm, Year Round





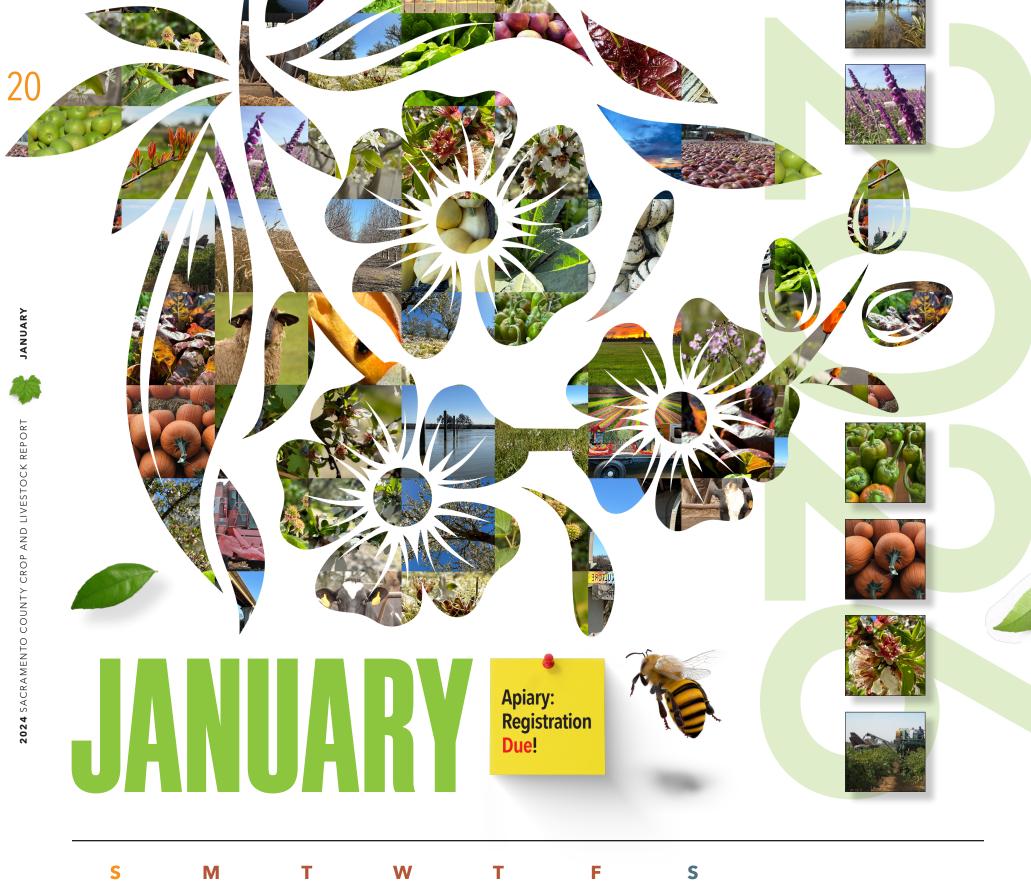


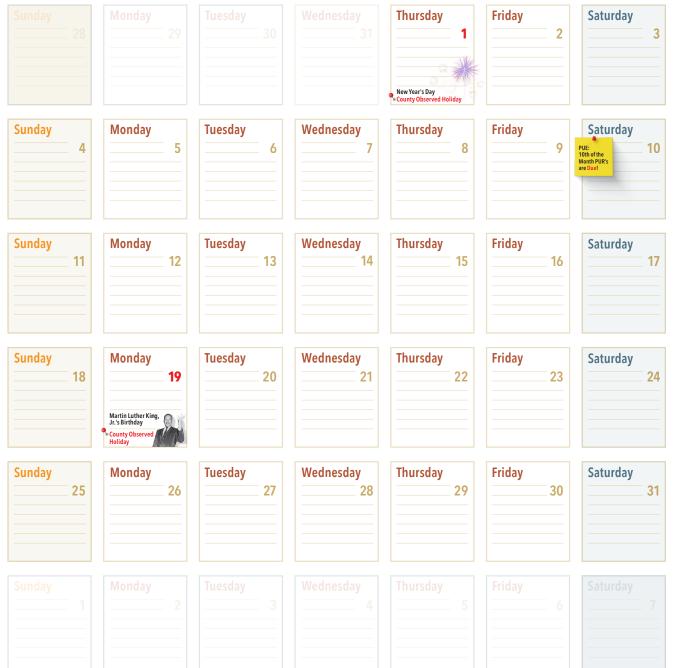












## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS & MEASURES OVERVIEW

The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture is proud to serve the community through a wide range of programs that touch everyday life in ways many people don't realize.

From supporting farmers and beekeepers to protecting consumers at the gas pump and grocery store, our team works behind the scenes to promote fairness, safety, and quality across the county.

Our Agricultural Biologists monitor for invasive pests by inspecting plant shipments and maintaining a network of insect traps throughout the region. These efforts help stop harmful pests before they can spread and damage crops, landscapes, or ecosystems. We also support healthy pollination by working with local beekeepers to prevent the spread of bee diseases and pests. When it comes to pesticides, our department ensures they're used safely—whether on a farm or in your own backyard—protecting people, pollinators, and the environment.

On the consumer protection side, our Weights and Measures Inspectors test gas pumps, grocery store scales, taxi meters, and thousands of packaged goods to confirm you're getting exactly what you pay for. We respond to complaints, help resolve disputes, and work hard to keep local commerce honest and transparent.

Whether in the field, the marketplace, or the lab, we're proud to serve the people of Sacramento County every day.

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## APIARY PROGRAM

## Honeybees play a vital role in Sacramento County's agricultural success.

With more than 200 crops in California depending on pollination, healthy bee populations are essential—not just for farmers, but for our entire food system. The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture takes this responsibility seriously and works closely with local beekeepers and growers to help protect these important pollinators.

One of the key tools we use is California's "BeeWhere" system, which promotes early and open communication between pesticide applicators and beekeepers. When beekeepers register their hives each January, they become part of a confidential system that allows them to receive notifications if any pesticide applications that are toxic to bees are planned within a one-mile radius of their hives. This helps them take necessary precautions to protect their colonies.

Beyond digital tools, our Agricultural Biologists are out in the field, inspecting hives for signs of disease or harmful pests that could threaten bee health. These inspections provide valuable information and peace of mind to local beekeepers.

Whether it's helping a grower plan a safe treatment or checking a hive for issues, we're proud to support the hardworking beekeepers who make California agriculture thrive.

Through strong relationships, smart technology, and handson support, we're doing our part to keep pollinators safe and our crops productive.



## PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT

The Sacramento County Department of Agriculture puts the safety of our community, those who work with pesticides, and the environment at the core of its pesticide-related work. Our

Pesticide Use Enforcement (PUE) team is made up of knowledgeable, highly trained inspectors who spend time in the field - on farms, in warehouses, with pest control operators, and even at public places like parks and golf courses. Their job is to make sure pesticides are being used properly, safely, and according to the law.

When we visit a site, we're not just looking at equipment and checking records—we're building relationships. We talk with growers, applicators, and business owners about what they're using, how they're using it, and what can be improved. We also issue permits for restricted-use materials and investigate any reports of misuse or pesticide-related illnesses.

Behind the scenes, we work closely with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to register licenses and offer guidance to professionals in the industry. DPR provides ongoing training and regulatory support, and we bring that knowledge to the ground level.

Every inspection, conversation, and permit we issue is part of a larger effort to support safe and responsible pesticide use-protecting the health of our community and the natural resources we all depend on.





## **JAPANESE BEETLE**

The Japanese beetle may look harmless, but it's one of the most destructive invasive pests threatening California's agriculture and environment.

These beetles feed on over 300 types of plants - including fruit trees, roses, vegetables, and turf - causing serious damage to gardens, farms, and landscapes if not controlled.

In 2024, the Sacramento County Department of Agriculture teamed up once again with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) to stop this pest. A concerning outbreak in Carmichael led to the trapping of 180 beetles (84 males and 96 females), signaling a real risk to local ecosystems. In response, we launched an emergency eradication effort focused on pesticide treatment, intensive trapping, and public education to prevent further spread.

Thanks to the cooperation of homeowners, CDFA applied Acelepryn, a selective insecticide, to infested areas and nearby properties. This quick, coordinated action shows the power of local-state partnerships in tackling invasive species before they take hold.

Through early detection, community involvement, and science-based treatments, our team is committed to protecting Sacramento County's green spaces, agriculture, and quality of life.

With continued vigilance and public support, we're keeping this destructive pest at bay.

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Nurseries play a big role in California's rich agricultural landscape, providing everything from fruit trees to flowering plants that brighten homes, farms, and communities.

But along with all that beauty comes the challenge of protecting plants from pests and diseases that can spread quickly if left unchecked. That's where the Sacramento County Department of Agriculture steps in.

Our team works directly with local nursery growers and sellers to help keep their plants healthy, pestfree, and ready for sale. We visit growing grounds, greenhouses, and retail sites throughout the year to check for insects, weeds, and plant diseases. These visits aren't just inspections - they're conversations. We share updates on emerging pest issues, talk through solutions, and help growers stay current with state requirements.

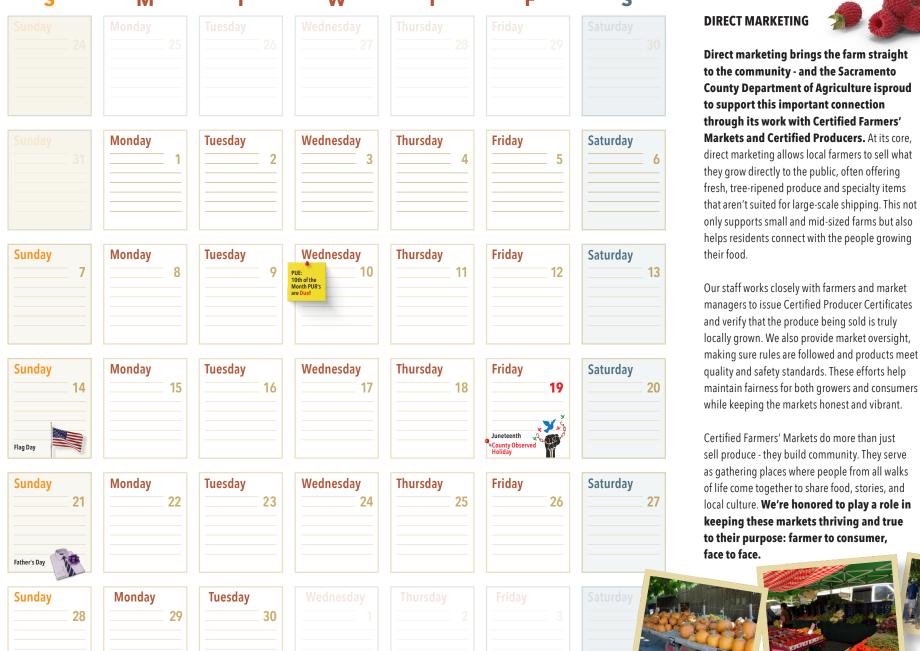
We also partner with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) on nursery licensing, certification, and quarantine guidelines.

This collaboration helps keep Sacramento-grown nursery stock moving smoothly across California and beyond.

Whether we're in the field identifying pests or helping a grower prepare for certification, our focus is on supporting the people behind the plants. We're proud to be part of the work that keeps Sacramento County's nursery industry thriving and its plants healthy and ready to grow.

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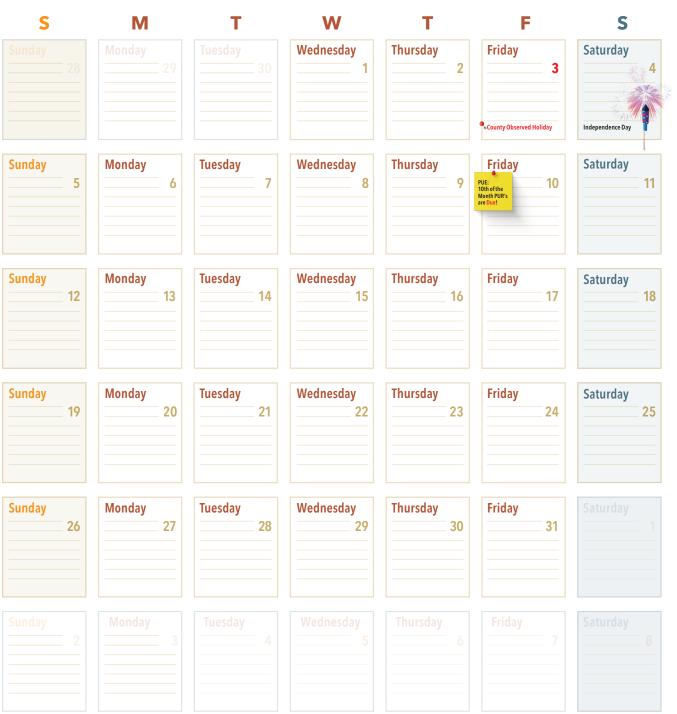
Our staff works closely with farmers and market managers to issue Certified Producer Certificates and verify that the produce being sold is truly locally grown. We also provide market oversight, making sure rules are followed and products meet quality and safety standards. These efforts help maintain fairness for both growers and consumers

Certified Farmers' Markets do more than just sell produce - they build community. They serve as gathering places where people from all walks of life come together to share food, stories, and local culture. We're honored to play a role in keeping these markets thriving and true to their purpose: farmer to consumer,



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## PEST DETECTION PROGRAM

Each May, Sacramento County launches a vital initiative to safeguard California's agriculture and environment by deploying tens of thousands of insect traps as part of the statewide pest detection program.

This effort aims to intercept destructive invasive species, such as exotic fruit flies and harmful moths, before they spread. The department places and monitors traps in urban and rural areas within a network coordinated by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. This proactive approach helps prevent widespread infestations that could threaten California's agricultural economy and ecosystems. Target pests include the Oriental Fruit Fly, Japanese Beetle, and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, all known for their potential to damage crops and native plants.

In 2024, Sacramento County responded to two significant pest threats. The first was the conclusion of an Oriental Fruit Fly quarantine, initiated in 2023. The final fly was detected on September 20, 2023, and following intensive treatment and regulatory controls, the quarantine was officially lifted on May 31, 2024. The second involved a Japanese Beetle infestation in Carmichael. A total of 529 traps were deployed, capturing 180 beetles. Emergency eradication measures were swiftly implemented, including treatments, public outreach, and quarantine enforcement.

Through early detection, rapid response, and community engagement, CDFA and our department remain committed to safeguarding Sacramento County's agricultural integrity and ecological health.

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## **PEAR HARVEST IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

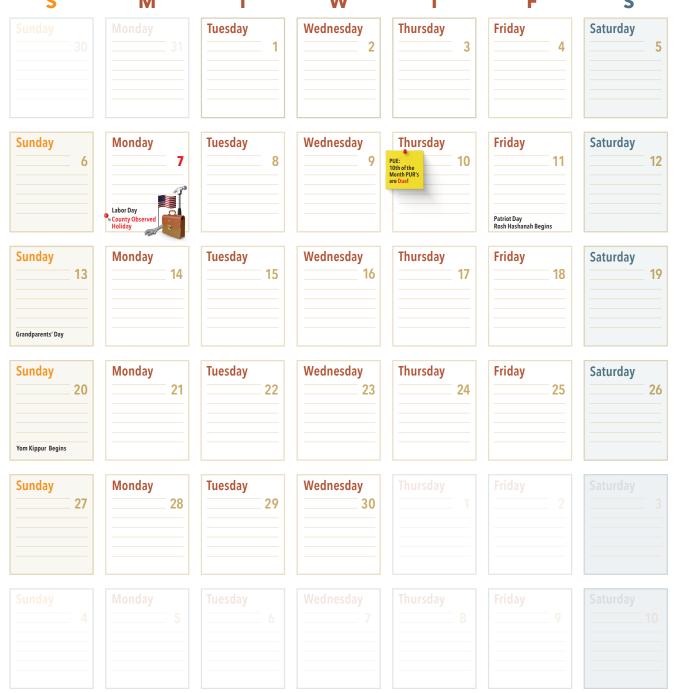
Sacramento County is proud to be home to one of California's most historic and celebrated pear-growing regions. The rich Delta soil, cool evening breezes, and generations of farming knowledge come together each season to produce pears of exceptional flavor, color, and texture-especially the beloved Bartlett. These pears aren't just fruit; they're a symbol of local heritage and agricultural excellence.

Behind the scenes, the Sacramento County Department of Agriculture plays an essential role in helping these pears reach markets around the world. Our staff carefully reviews and issues phytosanitary certificates that allow this premium fruit to be shipped across state and international borders, assuring buyers that Sacramento County pears meet strict export standards. It's a quiet but important job that helps connect our local farms to global tables.

The people who grow, harvest, pack, and ship our pears take deep pride in their work, and that care is evident in every bite. Each summer, the pear harvest is celebrated by the community with local events, like the Delta Pear Fair, where visitors enjoy fresh fruit, live music, and a taste of Sacramento's farming spirit.

We're honored to support this tradition and help share Sacramento County's exceptional pears with the world.





## **ORGANIC PROGRAM**



County Department of Agriculture and California Department of Agriculture (CDFA). We work closely with farmers who register as organic producers, conducting spot checks at growing sites, farmers' markets, and retail outlets to make sure their practices and records align with state organic standards. These visits aren't about paperwork - they're about celebrating the careful stewardship

Supporting Sacramento County's organic growers is a shared passion of Sacramento

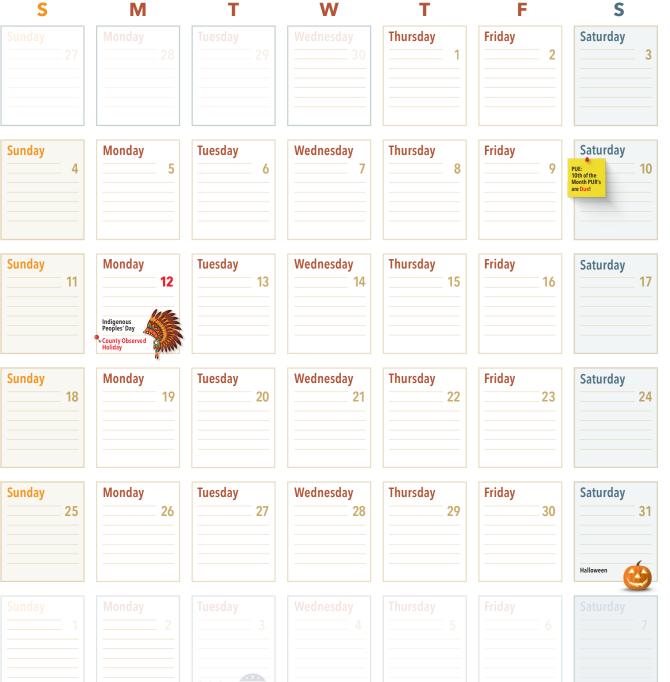
Our inspectors also validate that no prohibited substances have been used in the past three years, reviewing pesticide-use logs to affirm purity and protection for both consumers and the land. At farmers' markets, we regularly perform spot inspections and take samples to analyze for pesticide residue - this gives shoppers confidence that what they're buying truly meets organic standards.

and care these growers pour into every crop.

If concerns arise, we're ready to investigate complaints about label claims or possible contamination. Our goal is to uphold the integrity of the organic label while nurturing a community of growers rooted in honesty, health, and sustainable relationships.

Together with organic farmers, market managers, and CDFA staff - Sacramento County Department of Agriculture is proud to support a local agricultural community where organic produce can flourish, trusted by consumers, and celebrated by the families who grow it.





## **PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATION**

In 2024, the Sacramento

**Agricultural Weights and Measures Phytosanitary** Certification played a vital role in facilitating the export of agricultural commodities,



showcasing its unwavering commitment to maintaining quality and safety standards in the food supply chain.

The certification process ensures that all exported agrarian products meet the necessary health and safety regulations, thereby protecting both consumers and producers. This year, Sacramento County issued an impressive total of 3,754 export certificates, reflecting the thriving agricultural industry and the diligence of local producers to meet international standards. Among the countries that imported these commodities, India, China, and French Polynesia emerged as the top three export destinations, highlighting the diverse and growing demand for Sacramento's agricultural products across global markets. The varying climates and farming practices of these countries provide ample opportunity for Sacramento's high-quality produce to find a niche. Overall, the county successfully established trade connections with 64 different countries, underscoring the extensive network of trade connections and the county's strategic importance in global agricultural exports.

This successful year not only strengthens Sacramento's economy but also emphasizes the significance of collaboration between local agricultural stakeholders and international trade partners.

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## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES PROGRAM**

In a world where most of us no longer know the butcher, grocer, or gas station owner personally, trust in everyday transactions matters more than ever.

That's where the Sacramento County Sealer of Weights and Measures comes in. Our job is to help make sure every ounce, gallon, and dollar exchanged in our local marketplace is fair and accurate-for both buyers and sellers.

Whether you're filling your gas tank, weighing produce at the grocery store, or picking up a prescription, chances are a Weights and Measures Inspector has already checked that scale, pump, or package. Each year, our team tests over 11,000 fuel pumps, inspects more than 4,000 commercial scales, and verifies the contents of over 30,000 packaged products to make sure what's on the label is what's actually inside.

We even test things you might not expect-like taxi meters, firewood bundles, and rolls of plastic wrap. If you think you didn't get what you paid for, we'll look into it. We respond quickly to complaints and work with businesses to resolve problems and keep things fair.

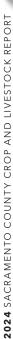
Look for our county "seal" the next time you're out shoppingit's your sign that someone's watching out for accuracy, value, and trust in every transaction.











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## PEST EXCLUSION PROGRAM

Every morning, Sacramento County agriculture inspectors begin their important work inspecting incoming shipments of plants, fruits, and vegetables from around the world. These inspections occur at key shipping points like parcel carriers and mail facilities to ensure compliance with state and federal quarantine laws and to prevent invasive pests and plant diseases.

At the forefront of this effort is the Detector Dog At the forefront of this effort is the Detector Dog Team, a vital component of Sacramento's Pest Exclusion Program. This program serves as the first line of defense against non-native pests that threaten regional agriculture and natural resources.

In 2024, Dog Handler Michelle King and her canine partner Kernul played a vital role in their mission. Kernul, specially trained to detect plant materials in unmarked parcels, helped identify high-risk shipments that could easily go unnoticed. Together, Michelle and Kernul conducted numerous inspections in Sacramento County and neighboring regions, successfully intercepting packages with undeclared fruits, vegetables, and plant materials that posed pest threats.

Their work not only complements the efforts of human inspectors but also significantly enhances the county's ability to detect and prevent the spread of exotic pests.

Michelle and Kernul exemplify the dedication and precision required to protect California's

agricultural integrity.





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