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Under the direction of the Ventura County Agriculture Department, the department collaborates with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

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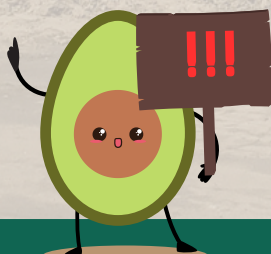
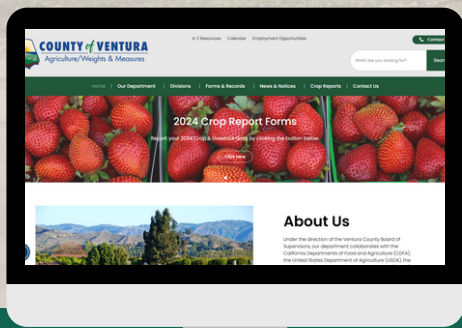


COUNTY of VENTURA
Agriculture/Weights & Measures



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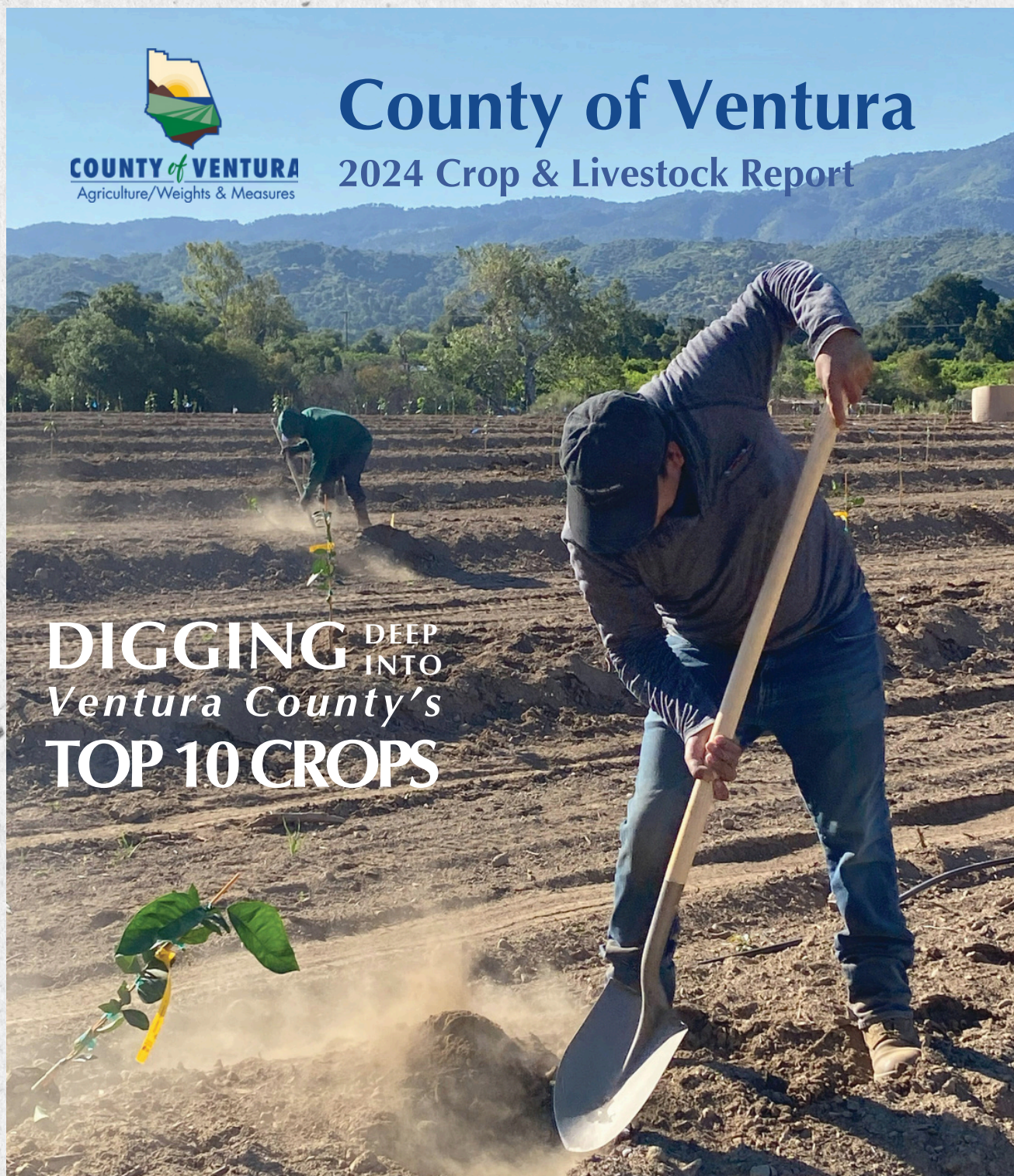
2024 CROP REPORT

Click the image below or scan the QR code to access the 2024 crop report



County of Ventura 2024 Crop & Livestock Report

DIGGING DEEP INTO
Ventura County's
TOP 10 CROPS



New Pricing Effective July 1, 2025



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AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FEE SCHEDULE Effective July 1, 2025

FIELD INSPECTION-SEED CROPS:	FEE
Per hour at a rate of	\$92.00
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION*:	
Cut Flowers, Nursery Stock, Fumigation, Container Inspection, Health Treatment Certificate – Per certificate	\$60.00
County Industrial Hemp implement, administer and enforce - Weighted rate per hour	\$128.10
Phytophagous Snail Free Compliance Agreement - Hourly Rate per Site	\$119.58
Arizona Origin Inspection Agreement - Hourly Rate per Site	\$119.58
EXPORT (PHYTOSANITARY) CERTIFICATES*:	
Minimum rate onsite inspection	\$92.00
Includes one certificate for lots from 1 to 1,200 packages, or two certificates for lots of less than 10 packages each	
For lots less than 10 packages	\$60.00
Applies after the first certificate is issued at the minimum rate onsite.	
For lots from 10 to 1,200 packages	\$92.00
An additional fee of \$60.00 applies after the first 1,200 packages for every additional 1,200 or portion thereof on federal certificates.	
1 to 9 packages brought to our office	\$60.00
CELERY PERMIT FEE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE WESTERN CELERY MOSAIC VIRUS	
Per Acre in Open Fields	\$2.50
Per 1,000 Plants in Greenhouse	\$0.01
PEST CONTROL REGISTRATION:	
Pest Control Operator	\$75.00
Maintenance Gardener	\$25.00
Pest Control Advisor	\$10.00
Pest Control Advisor (shows proof of registration from another county)	\$5.00
Structural Pest Control Operator	
Branch 1	\$25.00
Branch 2	\$10.00
Branch 3	\$10.00
Aircraft Pilots	\$10.00
Aircraft Pilots (if already registered in another county)	\$5.00
Farm Labor Contractor	\$75.00
Apiary Registration	N/A
Update to Food & AG Code 29044 requires Apiary fee paid to Secretary of CA Department of Food & Agriculture	

*No charge will be made for Phytosanitary Certificates or Quarantine Compliance Certificates issued to non-businesses when the products are brought to the office for certification and substantial staff time is not required for the inspection.

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DIRECT MARKETING CERTIFICATES:

	FEE
Certified Producer, rate per hour (additional charge will apply for additional inspection time at actual time and mileage)	\$92.00
Certified Farmer's Market, 1-15 Vendors	\$340.00
Certified Farmer's Market, 16-30 Vendors	\$680.00
Certified Farmer's Market, over 30 Vendors	\$1,020.00

ALL SERVICE INSPECTIONS: (subject to change every July 1st)

Agricultural/Weights & Measures Inspector III – weighted rate per hour	\$126.84
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LAND CONSERVATION ACT (LCA) CONTRACT DEPOSIT:**

Application for LCA Contract	\$1,000.00
Tentative Cancellation, Special Area Contract, or Solar Use Easement Contract	\$1,500.00
Non-renewal Notice for Entire Contract and other LCA related research and other LCA services not listed	\$750.00

**LCA Contract Deposit means a lump sum cash deposit, based on historical permit application data, which is billed against by the County based on actual County staff time expended, with no billing limit. County billings against deposit are based upon the work hours expended multiplied by the current Service Hourly Rate established by the Board of Supervisors. If final County costs do not exceed the deposit amount, the unused portion of the deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. If final County costs exceed the deposit amount, the applicant shall be billed for the balance due pursuant to the fee reimbursement agreement accompanying said deposit.

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WEIGHTS & MEASURES FEE SCHEDULE

<u>BUSINESS LOCATION FEE:</u>	\$120.00 PER LOCATION	
<u>MEASURING DEVICES:</u>	<u>ADMIN FEE (\$):</u>	<u>DEVICE FEE (\$):</u>
Electric Watt-Hour Submeter	0.50	3.00
Hydrocarbon Vapor Submeter	0.50	10.00
Water Submeter	0.50	6.00
Odometer	2.20	60.00
Wholesale and Vehicle Meter	2.20	75.00
Other Measuring Device (ex. Retail Motor Fuel, EVFS/EVSE, Water Dispenser, Taximeter, etc.)	2.20	26.00
Hydrogen Gas Meter	16.00	26.00
Liquified Gas Meter (CO2, LPG, Cryogenic)	16.00	185.00
Mass Flow Meter (CNG, LNG)	16.00	185.00
<u>WEIGHING DEVICES:</u>		
Computing and Electronic Counter Scale	2.20	25.00
Jewelry and Prescription Scales	2.20	80.00
Other Class II Scales	2.20	80.00
Scales with less than 100 lb. capacity	2.20	26.00
Scales with 100 lbs. but less than 2,000 lbs. capacity	2.20	50.00
Scales with 2,000 lbs. but less than 10,000 lbs. capacity	16.00	150.00
Scales with greater than 10,000 lbs. capacity	24.00	250.00
Livestock Scales with 2,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs. capacity	16.00	100.00
Livestock Scales with greater than 10,000 lbs. capacity	24.00	150.00

Weighing Devices used at Certified Farmers Markets or Swap Meets, which are brought to a [County](#) facility for inspection, will be charged half of the Device Fee and Location Fee.

The annual registration fee for a business that uses a commercial weighing or measuring device shall be assessed the maximum fees set forth in [California Code, BPC 12240](#) and [Ventura County Code of Ordinances, Div. 6, Art. 9.5, § 6296](#) and shall consist of a business location fee, a device fee, and a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) administrative fee as authorized by Business and Professions Code section 12241 and set forth in [4 CCR § 4075](#).

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES CONSUMER PROTECTION PERMIT:

<u>Point of Sale/Scanner Systems:</u>	<u>Annual Registration Fee</u>
1 – 3 Stations	\$185.00 per location
4 – 9 Stations	\$300.00 per location
10 + Stations	\$320.00 per location
<u>Number of Packages Per Year</u>	
Less than 10,000	Exempt
10,000 or more	\$300.00

The annual registration fees for a business engaged in packaging commodities in advance of sale, or utilizing automated systems for retail commodity pricing, are set forth in [Ventura County Code of Ordinances, Div. 6, Art. 9.5, § 6297](#).

WHAT IS A REGISTERED SERVICE AGENT?



When a commercial weighing or measuring device is brought in for service or fails an inspection (i.e., is red-tagged), it must be repaired before it can be used again for commercial purposes. All repair work must be performed by a Registered Service Agent (RSA).

Registered Service Agencies (RSAs) are authorized to sell, install, service, repair, and calibrate weighing and measuring devices used for commercial purposes. "Commercial purposes" include any transaction based on weight, measure, or count.

The California Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) (www.cdffa.ca.gov/dms/) is responsible for registering service agencies and their employees who repair commercial weighing and measuring devices for hire or payment.

You can find a licensed Registered Service Agent at: <https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/dms/programs/rsa/rsalistsings/rsalistsings.html>

It is essential for RSAs to understand the weights and measures laws and regulations that relate to their work. In order to install and repair commercial devices, RSAs must pass the DMS Service Agent Examination.

RSAs, like our department's Weights and Measures Inspectors, must utilize certified accurate standards (weights-volumetric flasks/tanks etc.) to determine the accuracy of a device. These certified accurate standards are used to test and adjust weighing and measuring devices. RSA standards must have a current certificate of accuracy issued for weighing and measuring standards tested and certified by the DMS or other approved metrology laboratories.

DMS also oversees the online RSA portal, enabling businesses to manage their registrations and agent licenses. Registration is annual and RSAs must register any employee who repairs a commercial device and notify DMS of any employee who leaves the company. 'Placed in Service' means to permit the use of a device that has been tested and found to be "correct" (i.e., meets all of the specification and tolerance requirements) as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 12500, and type approved, as provided for in Section 12500.5. [Code Reference: Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 12531(d)]. RSAs have their own seal/number that they use when installing or repairing commercial devices.

If you have an interest in starting a business repairing or installing commercial scales, retail meter gas pumps, electric vehicle charging stations or other commercial devices, please contact the CA Division of Measurement Standards at (916) 229-3000 for an application form or click on the link and select the downloadable application form.

<https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/dms/programs/rsa/rsa.html>



Celebrate National Farmers' Market Week

August 3-9, 2025 | Ventura County

By: Ameer Atrash, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner



Each August, communities across the country come together to recognize the importance of farmers' markets in shaping a healthier, stronger, and more connected food system. Here in Ventura County—where agriculture is a key pillar of our identity—National Farmers' Market Week is our chance to celebrate the farmers, families, and neighbors who keep our markets thriving.

Why Farmers' Markets Matter

Farmers markets:

- Provide access to fresh, locally grown food
- Support local economies and small-scale farms
- Offer a trusted space to learn about nutrition, food production, and sustainability
- Build stronger communities through face-to-face connections between consumers and producers

As the USDA's 2024 proclamation states: farmers markets allow farmers to retain more of each food dollar and create “vibrant and inclusive spaces” that improve public health and foster transparency in our food system.¹



Ask Your Farmer: Know Your Food

One of the most powerful things you can do at a farmers market is start a conversation. Ask your farmer where and how the food was grown—you might be surprised by the story behind each product. In Ventura County, our department works to verify that commodities sold in the certified section of a Certified Farmers' Market is truly grown by the farmer selling it. This program protects the integrity of the market, supports farmers, and ensures you get what you're paying for is: fresh, local, and verified.

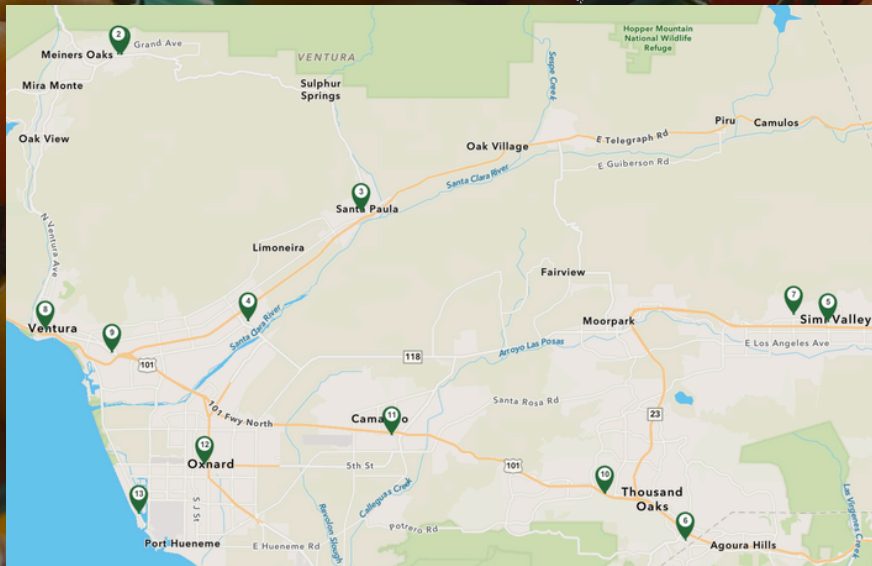
Big News: Certified Mobile Farmers' Markets

In an exciting development, California recently passed Assembly Bill 2786, a new law that creates a legal pathway for certified mobile farmers' markets. These mobile markets will soon expand access to locally grown food—especially in underserved communities—by delivering produce straight to neighborhoods, schools, and public spaces. Ventura County is preparing to embrace this model to help ensure fresh, healthy food is within reach for everyone.

**Celebrate this week by visiting your local farmers' market and watch for mobile markets coming soon.
Your support matters!**

VENTURA COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS

Please click the link below to view a map of local Certified Farmers' Markets. Here you will see the addresses and hours of operation.



[Certified Farmers' Markets in Ventura County](#)



CELEBRATE
your
**FARMERS'
MARKET**

National Farmers' Market Week (NFMW) is
August 3-9, 2025!

Create artwork that captures the fun and spirit
of our certified farmers' markets! Enter for a
chance to have your drawing or painting
featured in next year's Crop Report and on our
social media!

ART CONTEST

Open to Ventura County Residents

DIVISIONS

5-12

Youth

13-17

Teen

18+

Adult

Scan the QR Code to Learn More & Enter



Or Visit

<https://awm.venturacounty.gov>

If you have additional questions call:



(805) 388 - 4222

ENTER NOW!

OVER 42,500 POUNDS OF PESTICIDES REMOVED IN DISPOSAL EVENT



By Molly Gonzalez
Agricultural Weights & Measures Inspector III

The Ventura County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures successfully completed a multi-day pesticide disposal event on May 13–14 and June 4–5, 2025, at Clean Harbors in Camarillo. Funded by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), the event provided farmers, pest control businesses, school districts, and government agencies with a free, safe way to dispose of unwanted, unusable, or outdated pesticides.

Over 70 participants brought in more than 42,500 pounds of pesticide waste! Many of the products collected were highly hazardous or banned substances, including DDT, Methyl Bromide, Paraquat, Dacthal, Diphacinone, Lorsban, and Dursban. These legacy materials—often inherited or long-stored—were properly handled and removed from Ventura County.

This event advanced our shared goals of environmental protection and public safety while offering an economical and responsible disposal option for the community. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Participants were grateful for the opportunity to safely clear out long-held pesticide inventories. It also reinforced the importance of compliance with pesticide regulations and responsible chemical storage practices.

We give special thanks to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation for funding support, Clean Harbors for hosting, and every participant who helped make this event a success. These collaborative efforts made a meaningful difference in keeping our community and environment safe.



California Invasive Species Action Week

June 7 – 15

DONOVAN VILLALOBOS, AGRICULTURAL WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR I

During this important week, state and local government officials come together to raise awareness about the critical need to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species in our communities. An invasive species is defined as a non-native species that, when introduced to a new environment, causes—or is likely to cause—economic, environmental, or human health harm. These species can disrupt ecosystems, modify habitats, and negatively impact native species and biodiversity.

Invasive species may arrive through natural migration or human activities, and their presence can lead to significant ecological and economic consequences.

This year, we want to particularly highlight the increasing risks associated with purchasing plants online. As online nursery retailers continue to expand and grow in popularity among consumers, so too does the risk of inadvertently introducing invasive pests into our county.

Put simply: be very careful about what plants you buy online and where you buy them from. Not all sellers guarantee that their plants are free of harmful pests, and even a single infected shipment can have devastating consequences—not only for your personal collection but for the broader environment as well. Focus on buying from sellers who are certified, licensed, or registered.

Invasive insects such as the Spotted Lanternfly and various Invasive Fruit Flies are of particular concern. These small pests can cause irreversible damage to crops and natural landscapes. Some, like the Asian Citrus Psyllid, also act as vectors for plant diseases that threaten the health of our ecosystems and can severely disrupt Ventura County's agricultural industry.

Early detection of invasive species is crucial. Our department's inspectors are stationed at shipping terminals six days a week, working to intercept regulated plant material and pests. One tool that helps us understand the importance of early detection is the invasion curve, shown below.

The invasion curve is a diagram that illustrates how the cost of managing an invasive species increases the longer it goes undetected.¹ By detecting potential invasive species early, we not only protect our environment but also avoid the escalating costs associated with their management. Since Ventura County's economy is strongly tied to agriculture, the impact of an invasive pest would likely follow the same steep rise shown in the invasion curve.

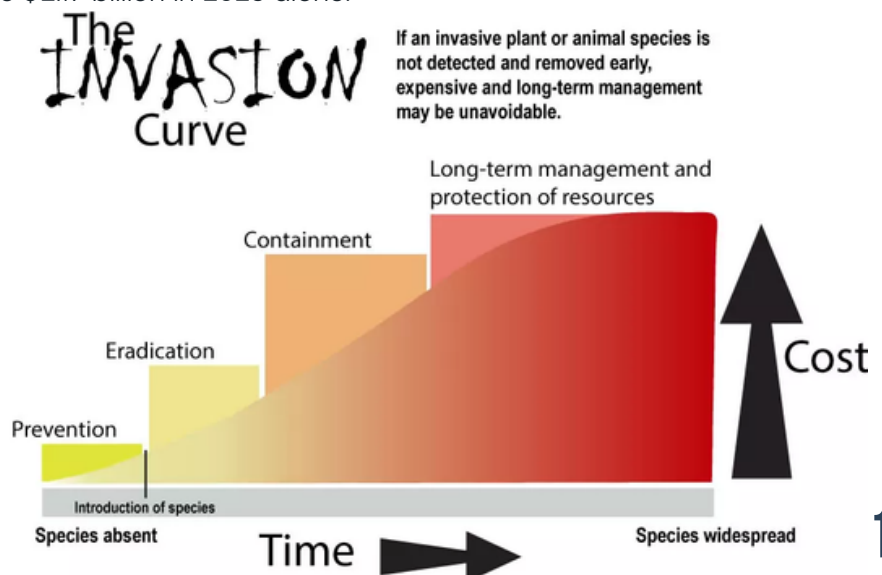
The most effective way to prevent the introduction of invasive species, however, is through the vigilance and cooperation of residents like you. If you suspect or observe any signs of invasive pests, it is crucial that you report them immediately to the Pest Exclusion team within the Agricultural/Weights and Measures Department. Your reports provide us with valuable insight into pest activity, allowing for faster, more effective responses.

We also strongly encourage everyone to download and use the iNaturalist app—a powerful tool that enables both experts and community members to document and track pests throughout the county.

By working together, we can safeguard our environment, protect our agricultural industry, and support a thriving local economy—which contributed an impressive \$2.17 billion in 2023 alone.²

We sincerely thank anyone who allows an insect trap on their property. Your continued support in helping our department, community, and agricultural industry stay vigilant against invasive pests is appreciated. Your participation is vital in ensuring that future generations inherit a healthy, prosperous, and beautiful Ventura County.

Happy insect trapping! And always remember: if you ever suspect that you have encountered a potentially invasive pest, please do not hesitate to contact us.



California Invasive Species Action Week

DISPLAY AT THE COUNTY OF VENTURA GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 8TH - THE 15TH



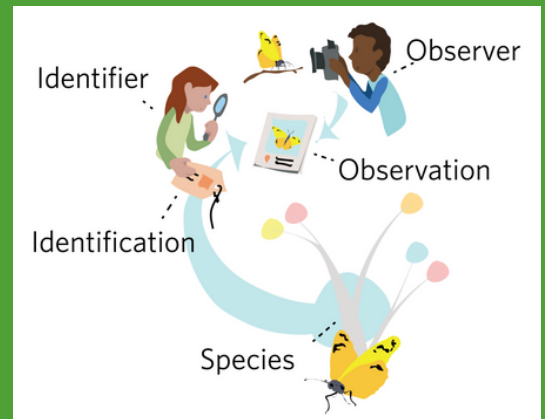
Getting started with iNaturalist

WHAT IS INATURALIST?

iNaturalist is the world's largest community of naturalists working together to observe and identify living things! Help connect people to nature while creating valuable data for science and land management.

iNaturalist is an online community where you can:

- See what other naturalists have found nearby
- Get identification help
- Keep a life list
- Expand your nature knowledge



CONTRIBUTE TO SCIENCE



Upload a picture of any wild plant, animal, or fungus



Help out other naturalists by identifying their observations



iNaturalist's community and image recognition software will help you identify it



Every observation becomes part of a growing record of Earth's biodiversity

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

1

Create an account and log in

1. Visit www.inaturalist.org on your computer

2. Click "Log in or Sign Up"

OR

Download the free iNaturalist mobile app from your phone's app store



2

Make an observation

Take clear, focused photos of the living thing you want to know the identity of. You can add multiple photos of the organism from multiple angles.



3

Identify the observation

Make a guess about the identity of the organism you're observing. You can be as general or specific as you want: is it a plant? In the mint family? A sage species?

4

Upload the observation

Upload the observation from your phone or computer. Other users will add suggested IDs, and if multiple people agree, it will reach research-grade!

Scan the QR Code to visit Inaturalist online!



Come see us at the Santa Paula **CRUISE NIGHT**



The County of Ventura Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures will be participating in the Santa Paula cruise night!

AWM Schedule:

APRIL 4TH - WEIGHTS & MEASURES

MAY 2ND - LCA, ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID/ HUANGLONGBING

**JUNE 6TH - ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID/HUANGLONGBING,
PEST EXCLUSION**

AUGUST 1ST - CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET

SEPTEMBER 5TH - PEST MANAGEMENT, PEST EXCLUSION

OCTOBER 3RD - PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM



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Agriculture/Weights & Measures



Employee Spotlight

TOM VANBREEMEN

Weights and Measures Inspector III



✓ What does your typical day look like in your role?

I strive to be as efficient as possible during my inspections, often managing more than one program in a single day. For instance, if I am conducting a price verification inspection at a grocery store, I will also inspect their scales. Another example of my commitment to efficiency is when I work on our small-scale program in a specific area; I utilize our intermediate weight truck to test recycler and postal scales, thereby reducing the necessity to return multiple times throughout the year for various programs. My 4-10 schedule enables me to make the most of my afternoons, especially on days when I am involved with retail motor fuel. I frequently manage to test two medium-sized fueling stations in one day, which works out to 50-68 fuel grades.

✓ What do you enjoy most about working with the department?

I enjoy the variety of inspections I conduct in Weights and Measures. Certain inspections are highly technical and demand significant concentration, whereas others are quite physical, effectively replacing my need for a gym for the day. Every inspection necessitates meticulous attention to detail, and I must diligently adhere to testing procedures and protocols. I appreciate our leadership and my fellow inspectors. I can genuinely say that I have never experienced a negative day while working in Weights and Measures. For me, it is the perfect place to be.

✓ What projects or accomplishments are you most proud of during your time here?

I take great pride in serving as an Inspector who has represented our department to both the public and the industry on numerous occasions through various events, including Farm Day, The Ventura County Fair, Career Day, Bring Your Kid to Work Day, Weights and Measures Week, and several farmers market events. Additionally, I am proud to have broadened my expertise by engaging with more intricate inspection programs, such as vehicle scales, high-flow meters (mounted on vehicles), aviation fuel testing, hydrogen testing, and conducting test purchases and sales.

✓ How does your work contribute to the mission of our department?

The mission of our department, along with the purpose of Weights and Measures, encompasses the phrase "To protect and promote agriculture and equity in the marketplace, while ensuring the welfare of the public, the industry, and the environment". I achieve this by striving to be as informed as possible regarding the laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures pertinent to the inspections I perform. I conduct myself fairly and honestly to promote transparency and trust. In my view, this approach is the most effective means of promoting equity.



Beyond Eradication: Resistance, Resilience, and Recovery

Ventura and Online, Nov. 12-15

2025
Cal-IPC
Symposium

**Join us at the Cal-IPC Symposium for the latest in
invasive plant biology and management!**

VENTURA AND ONLINE

- Statewide Weed Management Area Meeting
- Session talks and opportunities to connect with sponsors and colleagues
- 600+ attendees from across California and beyond
- Career panel for students, conservation corps members, and early career professionals
- Herbicide Laws and Regulations (2 hours DPR credit)
- Annual Photo Contest
- John H. Anderson Scholarship Awards for early career professionals or students
- Applying for several hours of “other” continuing education units

AVAILABLE IN VENTURA ONLY:

- Exhibitor and Poster gallery
- Discussions and Workshops to dive deep on key management topics
- Field Trips to explore local projects
- Raffle and Reception
- Awards luncheon

**Explore stewardship approaches that go beyond invasive plant
removal by promoting ecological resistance to invasion, resilience to
changing conditions, and recovery from major events like wildfire.**



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! CALL
FOR ABSTRACTS: APRIL 15-JUNE
16 www.cal-ipc.org/symposium**



Protecting California's environment
and economy from invasive plants



SprayDays Information Sheet for Growers and Pesticide Applicators

The new regulations, approved by the Ofce of Administrative Law on December 13, 2024 and efective February 24, 2025, enable the implementation of **SprayDays California**, a statewide restricted material pesticide application notifcation system developed by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). This system has been designed with input gathered from extensive public outreach and engagement eforts over a four-year period.

DPR anticipates implementing the statewide system in late March 2025.

The new SprayDays system will provide the public with timely information in advance of restricted material pesticide applications in production agriculture.

The system will feature a web-based map and option to sign-up for email or text message notifications sent 48 hours prior to the intended use of soil fumigants and 24 hours prior to the intended use of other restricted material pesticides.

The SprayDays website will include:

- Pesticide safety information, including
- reminders to avoid application sites and follow any posted warning signs.
- Notices that applications may begin within a four-day window or may not occur at all.
- Information on the restricted material pesticides included in the system.
- Context on how pesticides are regulated in California.

What do the regulations require for growers and applicators?

Starting February 24, 2025, the regulations require the electronic submission of all Notices of Intent (NOIs) for the use of

restricted material pesticides in production agriculture to the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) through CalAgPermits, or third-party tools currently used to submit NOIs to CalAgPermits.

If a grower or applicator cannot submit an NOI electronically due to undue hardship (e.g., internet outage, limited access to electricity, or a declared emergency), the CAC may authorize alternative submission formats, including allowing paper submission of NOIs. In such cases, the CAC will upload select NOI data into CalAgPermits.org on behalf of the grower or applicator.

Will this change how growers and applicators currently submit NOIs to their CAC?

The only change is that NOIs must be submitted electronically to the CAC through CalAgPermits except in cases of undue hardship. Growers who already use CalAgPermits to submit NOIs, or third-party tools currently used to submit NOIs to CalAgPermits, will experience no change to their process.



What information will be shared with the public from the NOI through SprayDays California?

The SprayDays California website will share:

- The intended date and time of the pesticide application. (Notifications and the website will clearly state that applications may begin within a four-day window or may not occur at all.)
- The location of the application within a 1x1 mile grid, consistent with information listed on NOIs and reported through Pesticide Use Reports (PURs).
- Application information including pesticide product name(s), active ingredient(s), application method, number of treated acres, and U.S. EPA registration number.

This information will be publicly accessible concurrent with NOI submission and will remain on the website for four days following the intended application date.

What information will be shared with the public to support public safety near pesticide applications?

The SprayDays system provides information on the safe and legal use of pesticides in California and reminders to stay away from fields and follow posted warning signs when pesticides are in use.

What additional information will be provided on the SprayDays website?

The SprayDays website will also provide responses to frequently asked questions about the notification system and restricted material pesticides, including context on pesticide regulation in California, explanations of how pesticides are evaluated before registration, and pesticide safety tips, such as reminders to avoid application sites and adhere to posted warning signs.

If a grower or applicator submits an NOI but the application does not occur, is the information removed from SprayDays California?

SprayDays shares NOI information concurrent with its submission to the CAC. If a grower or applicator decides not to proceed with the application, the information will not be removed. However, the SprayDays website and notifications note prominently that the application may not occur or may be rescheduled for a variety of reasons, including

a decrease in the pest presence or changes in weather conditions.

Will the system be updated or changed in the future in response to feedback received after SprayDays launches?

The regulation requires DPR to collect broad public comment, along with comment from the State Board of Food and Agriculture and DPR's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, on an annual basis to inform a final report on the effectiveness and impact of the regulation issued three years after the system is launched. DPR encourages growers, applicators, all interested parties and the public to provide comments to be included in the annual status update and inform any future adaptations necessary to meet the goal of increased transparency and continued safe, legal pesticide use in California. The comment period will be open in late 2025 or early 2026 and more information will be available on DPR's website (www.cdpr.ca.gov).

How does SprayDays California work in conjunction with the annual pesticide use notification requirements near schools and childcare facilities?

The new regulations do not exempt growers or applicators from providing annual notification to school sites within ¼ mile of their production agricultural properties, as required by 3CCR 6692. For more information on pesticide use near school sites:

www.cdpr.ca.gov/cac-letter/compliance-assistance-for-agricultural-pesticide-use-near-schoolsites

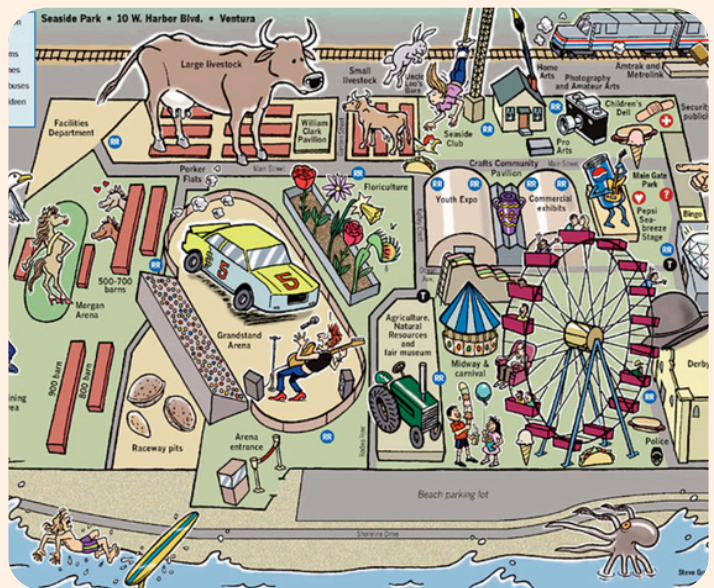
Who should I contact if I have questions about the system or how it works?

- For information on submitting your NOI electronically or regarding hardship exceptions, please contact your County Agricultural Commissioner.
- For questions about the SprayDays California website, contact the Department of Pesticide Regulation at spraydays@cdpr.ca.gov



2025 VC FAIR

Come see us at the 2025 Ventura County Fair! We'll be hosting booths in both the Horticulture Area and the Agriculture Building—stop by to say hello and explore what we have to offer!



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE REFER TO THE GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN THE LINK BELOW.

[BLOOMING WORLD OF HORTICULTURE](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION



- 6 hours total (at least 2 hours in laws & regulations per year cycle)
- DPR Accredited
- PCA, PCB, QAL PAC

<https://agceuonline.com/courses>



**YOU MUST PRINT OUT YOUR OWN CERTIFICATE
TO OBTAIN CREDIT**

**Additional classes may be found at the
web address below:**

[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/
cont_ed_cfm/classes.htm](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cont_ed_cfm/classes.htm)



COUNTY of VENTURA
Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Burn Firewood Locally:

PROTECT OUR OAKS & STOP THE GOLDSPOTTED OAK BORER SPREAD

“Burn It Where You Buy It”



GSOB

Goldspotted Oak Borer

The adult is a small, bullet-shaped beetle about 1/4 in. long and has 6 golden yellow spots on its dark green forewings.



HOSTS

California Black Oak, Coast Live Oak, Canyon Live Oak

These are common oak species around Ventura County and common trees used for firewood.



EXIT HOLE

They are typically D-shaped and are 3mm in width. The presence of adult exit holes indicates GSOB activity has occurred in that particular area of the tree.

WHY?

GSOB larvae grow in infested, dying, and dead oak trees, along with logs and firewood from freshly cut trees. To limit the spread of GSOB, it is crucial to handle oak firewood with care. Refrain from moving oak firewood from infested regions to prevent the pest from spreading to new places. Failure to address the larvae in the wood can present an ongoing risk to other oak trees.

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Goldspotted Oak
Borer Symptoms
Electronic Reporting
Form

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Visit gsob.org for more
information about GSOB



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Call us!

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Santa Paula: 805-933-2926



BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!



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We're moving! UCCE Ventura is relocating to Camarillo

Our Ventura office will close on Monday, June 10, 2025, and we'll reopen at our new Camarillo location on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

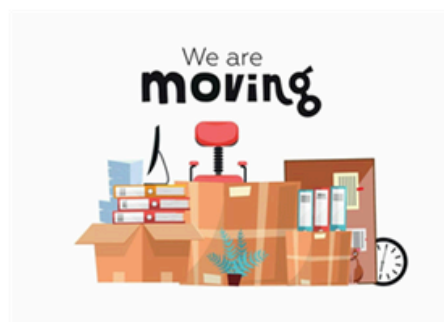
New Address:

555 Airport Way, Suite D
Camarillo, CA 93010

Office hours:

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 4 PM

Thank you for your patience during our transition — we can't wait to welcome you to our new space!



AG PASS INTEREST SIGN-UP

Please scan the QR code below
for a quick and easy sign up.

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There are currently NO Training dates scheduled.

The class will be scheduled once we receive interest from at least 50 participants. Once the minimum number is met, we'll finalize the date and share the class details with all respondents.

Upcoming Events

JUNE - DEC 2025

JUNE

- 2024 Crop Report

JULY

- July 4th - Independence Day, Offices Closed
- July 21st - All county email addresses will be transitioning from @ventura.org to @venturacounty.gov
- July 30th - August 10th , Ventura County Fair
- 2024 Crop Report

AUGUST

- July 30th - August 10th , Ventura County Fair
- Aug 3rd-9th, National Farmers' Market Week
- Aug 6th, Farm Worker Appreciation Day

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1st - Labor Day, offices closed
- Sep 9th-11th- Heirloom Expo - Ventura Fairgrounds
- Sept 19th - National Teach Ag Day
- Sept 23rd - Ventura Agri-Tech Fair
- Sept 27th - Banana Festival, Port Hueneme

OCTOBER

- Oct 12th - National Farmers Day

NOVEMBER

- Nov 8th - Farm Day
- Nov 11th - Veteran's Day, Offices closed
- Nov 12th-15th - CAL-IPC Symposium
- Nov 27th & 28th - Thanksgiving, Offices closed

DECEMBER

- Dec 4th & 5th - CAN-tree 2025 - Food Share tree building
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day, Offices Closed



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#1 Strawberries | 2023 Value: \$733,257,000



#2 Nursery Stock | 2023 Value: \$208,169,000



#3 Lemons | 2023 Value: \$207,542,000



Our mission is to protect and promote
agriculture and equity in the marketplace, while
ensuring the welfare of the public, the industry
and the environment.



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Saticoy Meter Lab

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Thursdays 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
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