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“First Line of Defense Against Invasive Exotic Pests”

Pest Exclusion
This program provides the first line of defense for agriculture and the environment and addresses the invasion of exotic pests. The establishment of new pests can adversely affect our natural environment and the economy. Inspections of incoming shipments at U.S. Ports, and in states and counties, are combined with inspections of local nurseries, by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, to minimize introductions. The Phytosanitary Certificate is issued which allows the product to reach its final destination. No raw agricultural product may be exported without these inspections taking place.

Pest Detection Trapping
This program provides the second line of defense against newly introduced exotic pests. Traps are placed in primarily alfalfa, the major legume crop in Stanislaus County, as well as in the Mediterranean and Mexican fruit flies, Orange Mold, African Schoolmarm Moth, Apple Moth, and a host of other targeted pest species. Through early detection, the cost and environmental impact of eradication is minimized. The Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Department are often predicated on the “Free From” status that is established through the Pest Detection Trapping program.

Pest Eradication
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Phytosanitary Export Certification
The Department, working under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture, issues a Phytosanitary Certificate which is destined for export to ensure that it meets all of the requirements of the country of destination and is free from pests. If all requirements are met, a Phytosanitary Certificate is issued which allows the product to reach its final destination. No raw agricultural product may be exported without these inspections taking place.

Pest Use Enforcement
This is a complex program that covers far more than its name implies. This program was developed to provide for the public safety, and effective use of pesticides essential for production of food and fiber and for protection of the public health and safety. The Department, working in conjunction with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, monitors the purchase, storage and use of pesticides in the state to ensure adherence to their label requirements and to enforce rules and regulations governing worker safety and the environment. Other components of the program include assurance of the accuracy of pesticide reports, pesticide reporting, mixtures and admixtures, outreach activities, pest management practices, and monitoring applications in the field.

Pest Management
Partners with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the County Agricultural Commissioner in charged with managing nuisance pests of agriculture and human health. Most of these pests are recently introduced species that have become established in the state despite the best efforts to keep them out.

Seed Certification
Samples are drawn for germination and purity testing. Labelling is also performed for each of these, etc. The Plant Health Program, inspection services are also performed for growers and producers in conjunction with the California Crop Improvement Association.

Fruits, Nuts and Vegetable Standardization
This program ensures compliance with California’s minimum standards regarding quality and marketing of all produce commercially grown and handled throughout the state. The Commissioner is also responsible for the certification of producers of agricultural products sold or certified通行's markets, the certification of these markets, and the registration of organic farmers.

Nursery Inspection
Through this program the County Agricultural Commissioner inspects the growing, propagation, production and sale of nursery stock to assure cleanliness from pests, true identity and vigorous healthy plants for sale to the consumer.

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