



California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association

Issue Fact Sheet

California Farm Facts: California's impressive and valuable agricultural production, which California's County Agricultural Commissioners are entrusted to promote and protect include:
(based on latest USDA national agricultural statistics information)

- California is ranked # 1 in cash receipts at \$33.9 billion, followed by Texas with \$20.0 billion
- California represents 11.4 percent of total U.S. agriculture revenue
- California accounted for 15.9% of the national receipts for crops and 7.2% of the U.S. revenue for livestock, poultry and their products
- There are approximately 81,033 farms and ranches in California
- The largest dairy industry in the nation
- More than 400 commodities are grown in California
- California produces about half of the U.S. grown fruits, nuts and vegetables. Many crops are solely produced in California

Our Role: California County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers promote and protect the agricultural industry, the environment and the public in the State of California. The membership of CACASA is comprised of the County Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers of County Weights and Measures agencies for California's 58 counties. Each Commissioner and Sealer (dual roles) is an employee of the County, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and works cooperatively with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Cal EPA and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Our responsibility is to carry out regulatory programs and enforce local ordinances, State and (when applicable) federal laws and regulations. Supporting federal efforts, County Commissioners and Sealers provide the second line of defense against the introduction of injurious plant and animal pests, protect people and the environment from the impacts of pesticide use and protect businesses and consumers through constant and dedicated enforcement of agricultural and weights and measures laws and regulations.

Each Sealer is charged with enforcement of the California Business and Professions Code and the California Code of Regulations pertaining to issues of equity in the marketplace and involving weights and measures matters, including the testing of packaged commodities for content and labeling accuracy. CACASA members have a keen understanding of the conditions in the marketplace, the need for effective laws, rules and regulations pertaining to consumer protection and fair competition among retailers and manufacturers, and the potential effects of changes to existing rules and procedures.