



Agriculture Weights and Measures Department Overview 2024

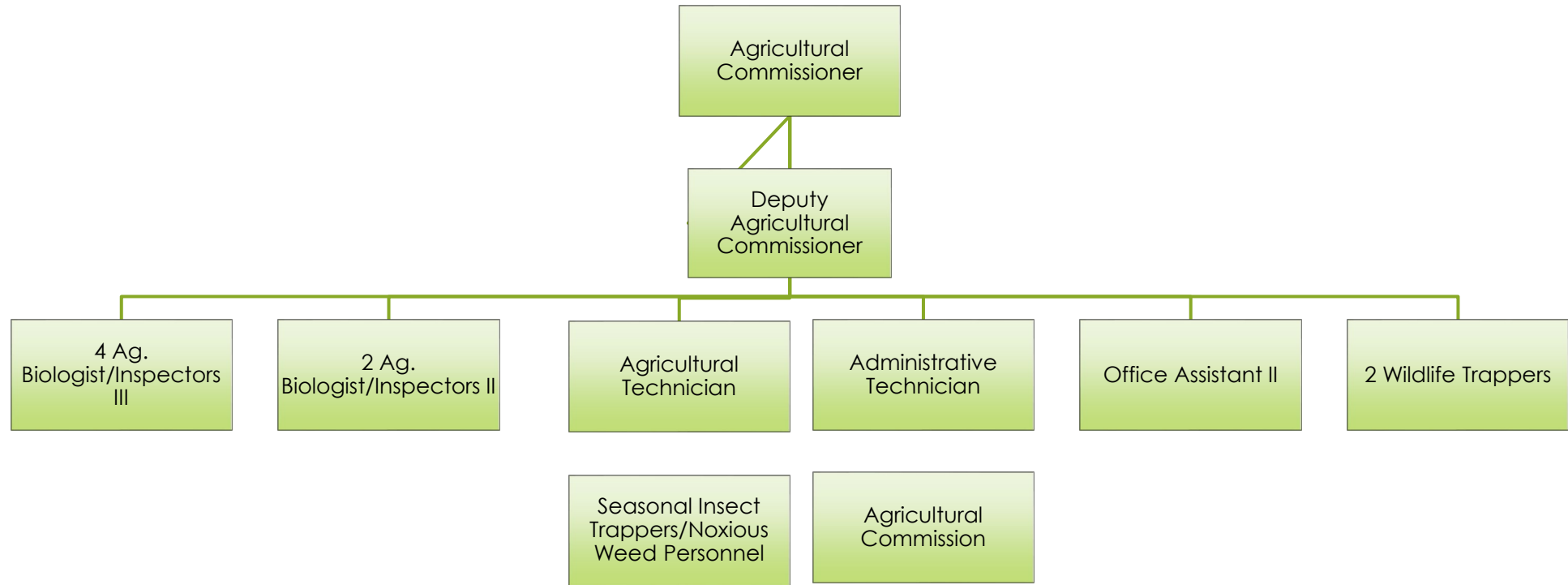
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Mission Statement

The Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures' mission is to protect, enhance and promote the preservation of agriculture and the environment while sustaining the public health, safety and welfare of all citizens, and to provide consumer and marketplace protections through the fair and equitable enforcement of laws and regulations.

The Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations from the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Business and Professions Code, the Health & Safety Code, the Government Code, the Civil Code, the California Code of Regulations and the County of El Dorado Codes pertaining to agriculture, and weights and measures.

Organizational Chart



What we do?

- ▶ Pest Detection
- ▶ Pest Exclusion
- ▶ Organics
- ▶ Pest Management
- ▶ Fruit/Vegetable Quality
- ▶ Noxious Weeds
- ▶ Nursery Inspections
- ▶ Eggs Quality
- ▶ Seed Inspections
- ▶ Outreach and Education
- ▶ Phytosanitary Certification
- ▶ Crop Statistics
- ▶ Apiary Inspections/Registrations
- ▶ Pesticide Use Enforcement
- ▶ Industrial Hemp
- ▶ Crop Verification
- ▶ Agricultural Grading
- ▶ Agricultural Commission Staff
- ▶ Land Use Issues
- ▶ Honey
- ▶ Certifying Agricultural Producers

What we do?

Weights and Measures Programs

- ▶ Petroleum Inspections
- ▶ Pricing Accuracy
- ▶ Quantity Control
- ▶ Weighmaster Audits
- ▶ Complaint Investigations
- ▶ Certifying Weighing and Measuring Devices



Total Operating Appropriations and Revenue Sources

- Unclaimed Gas Tax \$453,384
- State Contracts \$228,019
- Pesticide Mill \$150,000
- Device Registration fees/License \$126,000
- Federal Funds \$49,223
- Other Government \$71,148
- Service Charges \$23,703

Total General Fund,
\$1,078,887

Total
Appropriations
\$2,180,814

Total Revenue
\$1,101,927

Revenue Sources

▶ **Pesticide Mill**

- ▶ The mill assessment on pesticide products is 21 mills (0.021) per dollar sales for all sales of registered pesticides for use in CA. Funds allocated to each county is based on set criteria in regulation and each county's pest control activities, costs and workload.

▶ **Unclaimed Gas Tax Fund**

- ▶ A number of years ago Cal Trans, with the Air Resources Board, developed a formula to estimate the amount of taxed gasoline used by Agriculture and Landscapers. Taxes that are not claimed for refunds are distributed to the CA Department of Food and Agriculture to be used by the department and Counties for the administration of Agricultural programs

▶ **Device Registrations Fees**

- ▶ Annual fee to recover the costs of inspecting or testing weighing and measuring devices, not to exceed the county's total cost of actual inspection. Fee amounts are set in state code.

Service and Performance Indicators

- ▶ Pest Detection – 1641 insect traps placed and checked every two weeks – over 11,159 servicing's
- ▶ Vegetation Pest Management – Noxious Weeds – over 500 sites visited and treated utilizing IPM, multiple times a season
- ▶ Farmers Market Inspections – Inspect all markets - 13
- ▶ Certified Producer Certificate – 70 Registrations
- ▶ Inspected 602 weighing devices, 2270 measuring devices
- ▶ 332 Pesticide Permits Issued, 33 Notice of Intent, 54 Inspections
- ▶ Land Use
- ▶ Small Farm Inspections
- ▶ Complaints investigated:
 - ▶ Pesticides/Weights and Measures/Apiary/Farmers Markets: 39 complaints





Role in the Strategic Plan

- ▶ Thriving Economy –
 - ▶ Farmers Market/Certified Producer Registrations, Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, Pest Detection, Weights and Measures, Ranch Marketing and Winery Ordinance
- ▶ Strategic Innovation–
 - ▶ Collaborative Relationships and Data Sharing with other depts.
 - ▶ Working efficiently together to solve customer issues.
 - ▶ Pursuit of other funding sources.
- ▶ Safe and Healthy Communities
 - ▶ Agricultural Disaster Access Pass Program, Emergency Incident Response, Working with Law Enforcement

Upcoming Policy and Programmatic Changes

Ranch Marketing and
Winery Ordinance Review

Industrial Hemp Pilot Project
Review

Fee Study Update