# CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT 2025

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## County of Santa Barbara

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Through inspection, enforcement, and outreach, the Agricultural Commissioner's/Weights and Measures Office upholds regulatory standards that protect and improve agriculture, natural resources, and the quality of life in Santa Barbara County, while safeguarding consumers and ensuring an equitable marketplace.

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In accordance with the provisions of Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, I am pleased to submit the 2025 Crop and Livestock for Santa Barbara County. This report shows a total gross production value of $2,240,876,000 representing a 11.5% or $231,739,000 increase over 2024.

It is important to note that these figures represent gross values and do not account for production costs such as labor, planting, irrigation, harvesting, packaging, distribution, or other expenses associated with production and marketing activities.

Strawberries continued to lead the County's agricultural economy, with a total value of $941,012,000, marking a 9% increase from the previous year. Nursery Products ranked second at $126,501,000, with a 1.6% increase. Broccoli stayed at the third position at $124,521,000, a substantial 33% increase, followed by Head Lettuce at $117,478,000, showing a remarkable 51% increase. Leaf Lettuce rounded up the top five at $88,591,000, reflecting a 15% increase from 2024.

The Fruits & Nuts category remains the county's leading agricultural sector, increasing 7% to $1,137,892,000, and accounting for 51% of total gross production. Vegetable Crops experienced strong growth, rising 19% to $750,530,000, accounting for 33% of total production. Notably, Wine Grapes surged 24% to $87,793,000, 4% of total value, while Nursery Products posted a steady 1.6% gain to reach $126,501,000 making up 6%. In other sectors, Livestock production saw a significant 26.6% increase, and Cut Flowers grew by 7%. Field & Seed Crops declined by 4.2%.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the agricultural community for its continued cooperation and for providing the essential data that make this report possible. I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts of our department staff, with special thanks to Matthew Maiten, Dallys Estrada, Liset Alonso, and the entire Crop and Livestock Report team for their dedication to compiling, analyzing, and reviewing this important information, which serves as a vital source for understanding the contributions of agriculture to Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully submitted,

Jose Chang

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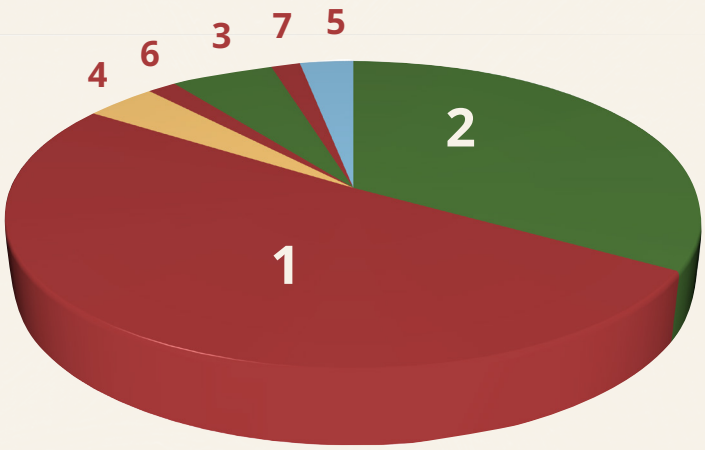
Agricultural Commissioner/
Director of Weights & Measures

# Agriculture at a Glance




## Percent of Gross Production by Group

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 - Fruit & Nut Crops | 51% |
| 2 - Vegetable Crops | 33% |
| 3 - Nursery Crops | 6% |
| 4 - Wine Grapes | 4% |
| 5 - Livestock & Animal Products | 3% |
| 6 - Cut Flower & Foliage | 1.5% |
| 7 - Field, Seed, & Apiary Crops | 1.5% |

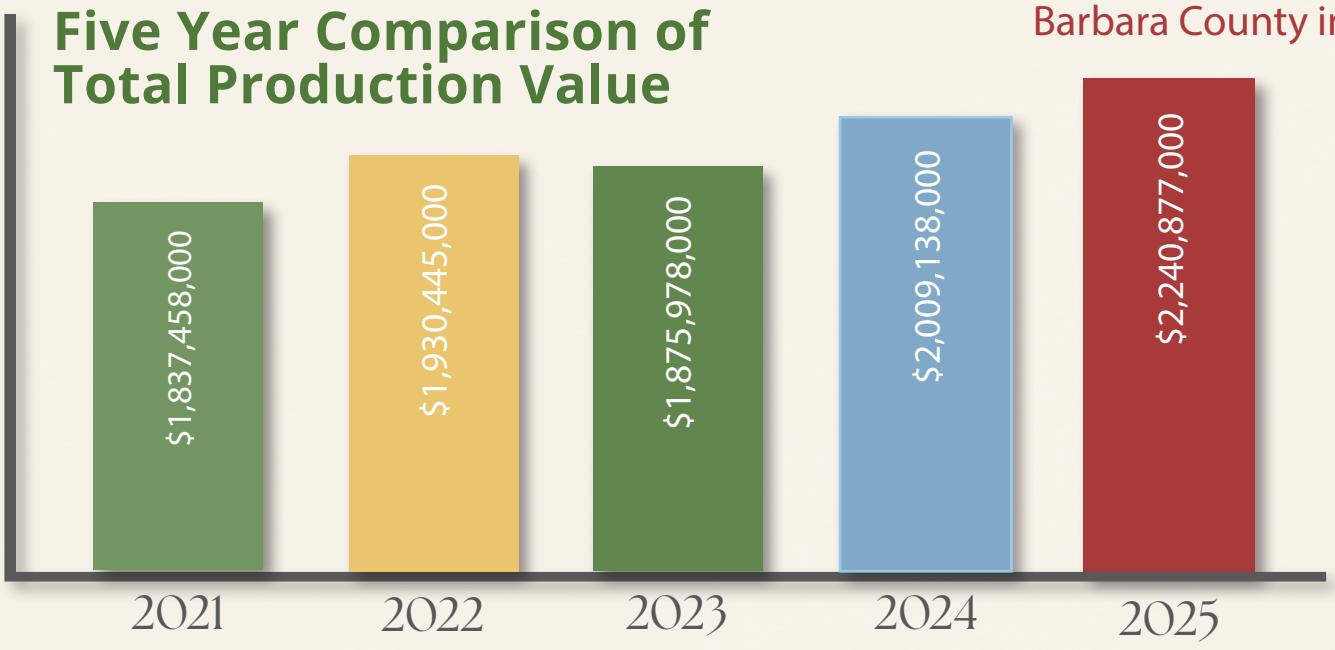
## Top 10 Commodities

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Strawberries | $941,012,000 |
| 2 | Nursery | $126,501,000 |
| 3 | Broccoli | $124,521,000 |
| 4 | Lettuce Head | $117,478,000 |
| 5 | Lettuce Leaf | $88,591,000 |
| 6 | Wine Grapes | $87,793,000 |
| 7 | Cauliflower | $80,849,000 |
| 8 | Celery | $74,630,000 |
| 9 | Blackberries | $67,675,000 |
| 10 | Livestock | $65,831,000 |
| | Other Commodities | $465,995,000 |

# $2.2 BILLION

Value of Agricultural Production in Santa Barbara County in 2025

## Five Year Comparison of Total Production Value



# Vegetable Crops

| Crop | Year | Harvested Acreage | Yield Per Acre | Total Production | Unit | Price Per Unit | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Broccoli | 2025 | 13,033 | 618 | 8,054,394 | 22 lb CTN | $15.46 | $124,521,000 |
| | 2024 | 10,577 | 592 | 6,261,584 | | $14.92 | $93,423,000 |
| Brussels Sprouts | 2025 | 561 | 722 | 405,042 | 25 lb CTN | $21.22 | $8,595,000 |
| | 2024 | 537 | 644 | 345,828 | | $21.50 | $7,435,000 |
| Cabbage | 2025 | 1,605 | 1,244 | 1,996,620 | 50 lb CTN | $23.33 | $46,581,000 |
| | 2024 | 1,557 | 1,015 | 1,580,355 | | $12.49 | $19,739,000 |
| Cauliflower | 2025 | 9,568 | 652 | 6,238,336 | 25 lb CTN | $12.96 | $80,849,000 |
| | 2024 | 8,683 | 708 | 6,147,564 | | $12.73 | $78,258,000 |
| Celery | 2025 | 4,990 | 1,154 | 5,758,460 | 60 lb CTN | $12.96 | $74,630,000 |
| | 2024 | 4,082 | 1,092 | 4,457,544 | | $13.41 | $59,776,000 |
| Head Lettuce | 2025 | 7,105 | 730 | 5,186,650 | 50 lb CTN | $22.65 | $117,478,000 |
| | 2024 | 7,197 | 753 | 5,419,341 | | $14.27 | $77,334,000 |
| Leaf Lettuce | 2025 | 5,308 | 1,053 | 5,589,324 | 30 lb CTN | $15.85 | $88,591,000 |
| | 2024 | 4,869 | 971 | 4,727,799 | | $16.25 | $76,827,000 |
| Spinach | 2025 | 1,257 | 508 | 638,556 | 20 lb CTN | $18.88 | $12,056,000 |
| | 2024 | 971 | 507 | 492,297 | | $16.47 | $8,108,000 |
| Miscellaneous Vegetables* | 2025 | 10,680 | | | | | $197,229,000 |
| | 2024 | 5,724 | | | | | $207,245,000 |
| **Vegetable Total** | **2025** | **54,093** | | | | | **$750,530,000** |
| | 2024 | 44,197 | | | | | $628,145,000 |

*Misc. Includes: artichoke, arugula, asparagus, bell pepper, beet, carrot, chard, cilantro, corn, sweet corn, cucumber, eggplant, fennel, green beans, garlic, herbs, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, mustard greens, dry onion, green onion, parsley, peas (edible pod), pepper, potato, pumpkin, radicchio, radish, winter squash, summer squash, tomatillo, tomato, and turnip.

The 2025 growing season showed notable improvements over the prior year, as increased production and rising costs led to higher production values for vegetable commodities.

# Fruit & Nut Crops

| Crop | Year | Harvested Acreage | Yield Per Acre | Total Production | Price Per Ton | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Avocados | 2025 | 6,496 | 3.91 | 25,399 | $2,246 | $57,046,000 |
| | 2024 | 6,323 | 2.77 | 17,516 | $2,893 | $50,676,000 |
| Blackberries | 2025 | 1,369 | 7.00 | 9,583 | $7,062 | $67,675,000 |
| | 2024 | 1,721 | 7.00 | 12,047 | $6,471 | $77,956,000 |
| Blueberries | 2025 | 258 | 6.00 | 1,548 | $13,394 | $20,734,000 |
| | 2024 | 426 | 7.50 | 3,195 | $10,000 | $31,950,000 |
| Lemons | 2025 | 1,549 | 16.25 | 25,171 | $350 | $8,810,000 |
| | 2024 | 1,624 | 14.09 | 22,882 | $406 | $9,290,000 |
| Raspberries | 2025 | 534 | 6.00 | 3,204 | $10,777 | $34,530,000 |
| | 2024 | 890 | 6.75 | 6,008 | $4,540 | $27,274,000 |
| Strawberries Total | 2025 | 13,900 | --- | 350,284 | --- | $941,012,000 |
| | 2024 | 14,160 | --- | 439,622 | --- | $860,478,000 |
| Fresh Strawberries | 2025 | 13,900 | 20.66 | 287,174 | $3,000 | $861,522,000 |
| | 2024 | 14,160 | 26.99 | 382,178 | $2,100 | $802,574,000 |
| Processed Strawberries | 2025 | --- | --- | 63,087 | $1,260 | $79,490,000 |
| | 2024 | --- | --- | 57,444 | $1,008 | $57,904,000 |
| Miscellaneous Fruit and Nut Crops* | 2025 | 1,408 | --- | --- | --- | $8,085,000 |
| | 2024 | 1,061 | --- | --- | --- | $7,062,000 |
| **Fruit & Nuts Total** | **2025** | **25,514** | | | | **$1,137,892,000** |
| | 2024 | 26,205 | | | | $1,064,686,000 |

*Misc. Includes: apple, apricot, cherimoya, grapefruit, mandarin, mulberry, nectarine, olive, passion fruit, peach, persimmon, pistchio, plum, and walnut.

Despite lower yields and production, Santa Barbara County's overall crop value rose due to higher market prices.

# Wine Grapes

| Variety | Harvested Acreage | Yield Per Acre | Total Production in Tons | Price Per Ton | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PINOT NOIR | 2,898 | 3.36 | 9,737 | $3,167 | $30,837,000 |
| CHARDONNAY | 3,200 | 4.13 | 13,216 | $1,884 | $24,899,000 |
| SAUVIGNON BLANC | 878 | 7.05 | 6,190 | $1,735 | $10,740,000 |
| SYRAH | 835 | 3.28 | 2,739 | $2,189 | $5,996,000 |
| CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 499 | 4.69 | 2,340 | $1,911 | $4,472,000 |
| GRENACHE | 265 | 5.61 | 1,487 | $1,280 | $1,903,000 |
| PINOT GRIGIO | 200 | 2.60 | 520 | $3,238 | $1,684,000 |
| SANGIOVESE | 52 | 5.90 | 307 | $2,143 | $658,000 |
| MOURVEDRE | 61 | 5.16 | 315 | $2,080 | $655,000 |
| PETITE SIRAH | 50 | 5.78 | 289 | $1,967 | $568,000 |
| MERLOT | 97 | 3.43 | 333 | $1,495 | $498,000 |
| CABERNET FRANC | 83 | 2.96 | 246 | $1,988 | $489,000 |
| MISC RED | 705 | 1.45 | 1,022 | $1,782 | $1,821,000 |
| MISC WHITE | 826 | 1.58 | 1,305 | $1,972 | $2,573,000 |
| **Wine Grapes Total** | **2025** | **10,649** | | | **$87,793,000** |
| | 2024 | 12,126 | | | $70,857,000 |

Despite a decline in harvested acreage, significantly higher yields per acre drove an increase in total production in 2025. Combined with strong market demand for high-quality grapes, this resulted in a substantial rise in overall production value.

# Cut Flower & Nursery Crops

| Cut Flowers & Foliage | Year | Greenhouse (Sq. Ft.) | Outdoor Grown (Acres) | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Cut Flowers & Foliage *** | **2025** | **1,580,357** | **375** | **$35,915,000** |
| | 2024 | 2,185,759 | 714 | $33,558,000 |

* Cut Flowers & Foliage total includes: alstromeria, anemone, begonia, bupleurum, calendulas, chrysanthemum, cornflower, cosmo, craspedia, cut greens, dahlia, delphinium, freesia, gerbera, gladiolus, green mist, hydrangea, iris, larkspur, lily, lisianthus, marigold, nigela, orchid, poppy, ranunculus, rose, snapdragon, solidago, stock, sunflower, sweet peas, tuberose, tulip, and zinnia.

The nursery and cut flower sector remained the County's second ranked commodity due to continued market demand and high prices.

| Nursery Products | Year | Greenhouse (Sq. Ft.) | Outdoor Grown (Acres) | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Potted Plants* (including Orchids)** | **2025** | **4,770,120** | **180** | **$126,501,000** |
| | 2024 | 4,163,243 | 251 | $124,473,000 |

*Includes: orchids, foliage, herbaceous perennials, ground covers, turf, bulbs, bedding plants, vegetable transplants, fruit trees and vines, palms, poinsettia, and woody ornamentals.

# Field, Seed & Cannabis

| Crop | Year | Acreage | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rangeland | 2025 | 571,569 | $27,150,000 |
| | 2024 | 572,289 | $27,184,000 |
| Pasture | 2025 | 2,002 | $574,000 |
| | 2024 | 2,057 | $617,000 |
| Miscellaneous Beans, Grain, and Seed* | 2025 | 1,755 | $5,307,000 |
| | 2024 | 4,946 | $6,651,000 |
| **Field & Seed Total** | **2025** | **575,266** | **$33,016,000** |
| | 2024 | 579,292 | $34,452,000 |

*Misc. Includes: dry edible beans, forage, hay, oats, seeds, sudangrass, and wheat.

Santa Barbara County rangelands in 2025 experienced mixed conditions as a dry winter and expanding drought concerns reduced soil moisture and slowed forage growth across many grazing areas.

| Cannabis Product Production & Value | Production | Unit | Average Price/Unit | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cannabis Packaged Harvest Weight | 14,320,000 | Lbs | $27.90 | $399,528,000 |
| Seed/Clone/Immature Plant | 495,418 | Each | $2.51 | $1,243,000 |
| Cannabis Product Total Value (Not included in county total production) | | | | $400,771,000 |

| Cannabis Cultivation Licenses by Type | Licenses by Type | Cultivation Total Area (Square Feet) | Cultivation Total Area (Acres) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nursery | 14 | - | - |
| Indoor | 0 | - | - |
| Mixed Light | 57 | - | - |
| Outdoor | 292 | - | - |
| **Total** | 363 | 35,103,697 | 806 |

# Livestock & Apiary

| Livestock | Year | Number of Head | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cattle, Market | 2025 | 28,768 | $56,646,000 |
| | 2024 | 29,366 | $41,898,000 |
| Miscellaneous Livestock* | 2025 | --- | $9,185,000 |
| | 2024 | --- | $10,090,000 |
| **Livestock Total** | **2025** | --- | **$65,831,000** |
| | 2024 | --- | $51,988,000 |

*Misc. Includes: poultry, eggs, dairy, pork, and sheep.

In 2025, beef cattle production in Santa Barbara County mirrored broader California trends, marked by tight cattle supply, strong consumer demand, and elevated prices.

## Apiary Products

| Year | Number of Hives | Avg. Hive Value | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2025** | **13,072** | **$260** | **$3,399,000** |
| 2024 | 7,586 | $129 | $979,000 |

Apiary production in Santa Barbara County during 2025 faced challenges from dry weather and returning drought conditions, which limited forage availability and stressed pollinator habitats across parts of the Central Coast.

# Exports

## PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO 36 COUNTRIES

Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, The Czech Republic, The Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain ,Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, The United Arab Emirates, The United Kingdom, The United States, and Uruguay

### Top 10 Export Countries by Total Phytosanitary Certificates Issued

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mexico | 1,493 |
| 2 | Canada | 662 |
| 3 | Japan | 213 |
| 4 | Kuwait | 195 |
| 5 | United Arab Emirates | 133 |
| 6 | Saudi Arabia | 116 |
| 7 | Qatar | 77 |
| 8 | Costa Rica * | 70 |
| 9 | Guatemala | 59 |
| 10 | Bahrain | 50 |

*** Exports consisted mainly of seed.**

# Exports

## TOP EXPORTS IN TONS SHIPPED

### Mexico

| | |
|---|---|
| Broccoli | 904 |
| Brussels sprouts | 351 |
| Cabbage | 18 |
| Carrot | 19 |

### Canada

| | |
|---|---|
| Cauliflower | 1,487 |
| Cucumber | 1,204 |
| Pepper | 883 |
| Blueberry | 648 |

### Japan

| | |
|---|---|
| Celery | 513 |
| Blackberry | 77 |
| Raspberry | 26 |
| Lettuce | 1 |

### Kuwait

| | |
|---|---|
| Blackberry | 178 |
| Strawberry | 176 |
| Raspberry | 17 |
| Blueberry | 1 |

### United Arab Emirates

| | |
|---|---|
| Strawberry | 75 |
| Blackberry | 53 |
| Raspberry | 24 |
| Blueberry | 3 |

**Over 59,000 Tons Shipped Abroad**

*(118,000,000 lbs)

## What is a Phytosanitary Certificate?

A phytosanitary certificate is an official document that facilitates shipment of agricultural commodities across borders and certifies that the shipment is free from prohibited plants, animals, and other pests.

# Consumer Protection

## Weights & Measures

Purchasing produce at the market, taking a taxi to a local business, selling your old precious metal, and purchasing items at your favorite boutique. What do all of these have in common? All of these transactions are overseen by the Weights and Measures department. Our office certifies devices such as scales, retail motor fuel meters (gas pumps), and taximeters. We also perform quantity control and sales price inspections at all businesses that are registered through the County scanning ordinance. Weights and Measures staff serve as a "third person" in transactions to help to protect both the buyer and seller in all transactions made based on weight, measure, or count.

**Price Accuracy Inspections** 743

**Domestic utility water submeters certified for use in CA** 11,276

**Consumer Complaint Investigations** 34

| Weighing Devices | # of Inspections | Measuring Devices | # of Inspections |
|---|---|---|---|
| Computing/Counter Scales | 1,288 | Retail Fuel Meters | 3,096 |
| Vehicle Scales | 64 | Wholesale Meters | 68 |
| Dormant/Platform Scales | 422 | Liquid Propane Gas Meters | 54 |
| Livestock Scales | 35 | Vapor/Water/Electric Submeters | 2,050 |
| Hanging/Crane Scales | 55 | Vehicle Meters | 71 |
| Jewelry Scales/Class II | 136 | Retail Water Vending Machines | 185 |
| Miscellaneous Weighing Devices | 6 | Other Measuring Devices (Including Taxis) | 212 |

# Consumer Protection

## Certified Farmers' Markets

A Certified Farmers' Market is a retail market intended for certified producers to sell primarily fresh produce direct to consumers. These markets are also a destination and place to gather and socialize in many communities. California has approximately 750 certified farmers' markets and over 2,700 certified producers. Santa Barbara County has 12 certified markets and over 100 current certified producers. All certified producers have banners displayed in their booths that state a phrase similar to **"We grow what we sell"**. This phrase encompasses the work and reputation of the grower and ties the farmer, community, and consumer together in one place: our local certified farmers' markets.

## Organic Farming

| Top 5 | Organic Crop | Harvested Acreage |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Strawberries | 2,518 |
| 2 | Wine Grapes | 1,174 |
| 3 | Lettuce (head, leaf, spring mix) | 888 |
| 4 | Carrots | 854 |
| 5 | Celery/Celeriac | 839 |

**12,289 Acres**

**206 Registered Organic Farms**

There is a steady demand for organic produce, a trend that has grown over the past decade, encouraging the continued presence and activity of organic agriculture in Santa Barbara County. There were 206 organic farms registered in Santa Barbara County in 2025. Utilizing organic principles as required by the California Organic Products Act of 2003, these farms produce a wide variety of crops. Visit our website and select the "Other Ag Programs" tab to find more information.

## Certified Farmers' Market Schedule

### SOUTH COUNTY

**Carpinteria**
Thursday
3:00 - 6:30 PM

**Montecito**
Friday
8:00 - 11:15 AM

**Santa Barbara**
Tuesday
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday
8:00 AM -1:00 PM

**Goleta**
Sunday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### MID-COUNTY

**Solvang**
Wednesday
2:30 - 6:30 PM

**Vandenberg Village**
Sunday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Buellton**
Monday
2:00 - 6:00 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### NORTH COUNTY

**Santa Maria**
Wednesday
12:00 - 4:00 PM

**Orcutt**
Tuesday
10:00 AM -1:00 PM

3rd Wednesday of the Month
June-November
4:30 -7:30 PM

# Pest Prevention

## Pest Exclusion

Our Pest Exclusion programs serve as the first line of defense to prevent detrimental pests from reaching agriculture production sites. Agricultural Commissioner staff inspect incoming high-risk plant material at mail carriers, nurseries, retailers, and homes to prevent the introduction of pests into the county.

**181 NOR's Issued**
**(Notices of Rejection)**

An NOR is issued when a package or parcel is in violation of a quarantine or lacks the required certifications. An NOR informs the shipper of a non-compliance and can lead to rejection of the package contents via returning the package, reconditioning, or disposal.

## Pest Ratings:

"**A**" – An organism of known economic importance, subject to enforcement action involving eradication, quarantine regulation, containment, rejection, or other holding action. "**Q**" – An organism or disorder requiring temporary "**A**" action pending determination of a permanent quarantine rating. The organism is suspected to be of economic importance, but its status is uncertain because of incomplete identification or inadequate information. (Other ratings include: **B**, **C** and **D**)

| Pest Species Intercepted | Scientific Name | Rating | # of Finds |
|---|---|---|---|
| lesser snow scale | *Pinnaspis strachani* | A | 21 |
| black thread scale | *Ischnaspis longirostris* | A | 18 |
| boxwood scale | *Pinnaspis buxi* | A | 18 |
| trilobe scale | *Pseudaonidia trilobitiformis* | A | 5 |
| pacific mealybug | *Planococcus minor* | A | 5 |
| white peach scale | *Pseudaulacaspis pentagona* | A | 4 |
| oriental scale | *Aonidiella orientalis* | A | 4 |
| armored scale | *Aulacaspis tubercularis* | A | 4 |
| gray pineapple mealybug | *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes* | A | 4 |
| rufous scale | *Selenaspidus articulatus* | A | 3 |
| floral ant | *Monomorium floricola* | A | 3 |
| sansevieria scale | *Parlatoria proteus* | A | 3 |
| coconut scale | *Aspidiotus destructor* | A | 2 |
| fig wax scale | *Ceroplastes rusci* | A | 2 |
| | *Other A Rated* | A | 24 |
| | | **Total A Rated** | **120** |

| Pest Species Intercepted | Family Name | Rating | # of Finds |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ant | *Pheidole sp.* | Q | 7 |
| Armored scale | *Acutaspis umbonifera* | Q | 4 |
| Mealybug | *Nipaecoccus* sp. | Q | 4 |
| Wax scale | *Ceroplastes* sp. | Q | 3 |
| Ant | *Solenopsis* sp. | Q | 2 |
| Carpenter ant | *Camponotus* sp. | Q | 2 |
| Whitefly | *Aleuroglandulus subtilis* | Q | 2 |
| Black scale | *Saissetia* sp. | Q | 1 |
| Cotton jassid | *Amrasca biguttula* | Q | 1 |
| Flower thrips | *Frankliniella* sp. | Q | 1 |
| May beetle or white grub | *Phyllophaga* sp. | Q | 1 |
| Spider mite | *Oligonychus* sp. | Q | 1 |
| Tetranychid mite | *Tetranychus* sp. | Q | 1 |
| | Other Q Rated | Q | 225 |
| | | **Total Q Rated** | **255** |

# Pest Prevention

## Master Gardener Partnership

### Free Pest Identification Services

Noticing any unusual pests or pest problems in your garden? Correct pest ID is the first step in effective pest management. Without knowing the cause, it's hard to find the right solution. The Department partners with the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners to provide free pest ID services to the Santa Barbara County public. Here is how you can utilize this free service:

- Found a pest? Take a photo of the pest and any plant damage you suspect it caused or collect a sample
- Note the location where it was discovered (plant type, area of the County, home garden vs park, etc.) and any plant symptoms
- Submit it: Email the photos to anrmgsb@ucanr.edu or leave the sample at any of our offices.

New invasive pests pose serious threats to California's agriculture and environment. That's why gardeners and community members like you are vital — your observations may help catch a new pest before it spreads. Be our eyes and ears in the field — together, we can protect our gardens and our state.

## Pest Detection

Over 920 traps used for the detection of different exotic pests were placed, maintained, and inspected in Santa Barbara County by state and local staff. These pests include the Asian Citrus Psyllid, Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, Light Brown Apple Moth, Box Tree Moth, Cotton Seed Bug, and Pink Hibiscus Mealybug. Traps were set at various densities and serviced as frequently as every two weeks. Staff also coordinated with CDFA to release Cosmocomoidea spp. wasps, which act as parasitoids of the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter, a significant viticultural pest in California. Department staff also inspected over 25,000 shipments of plant material entering Santa Barbara County across multiple programs for various high risk pests.

*Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter (GWSS) trap deployed at a wholesale nursery in Santa Barbara.*

| Inspection Type | Number of Inspections |
|---|---|
| Parcels Inspected @ Mail Carriers | 24,569 |
| Incoming Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter | 934 |
| High Risk: Air Freight Forwarded | 139 |
| High Risk: Southern States | 122 |
| High Risk: Seed 008 | 16 |
| High Risk: Truck | 88 |
| High Risk: Beehives | 1 |
| High Risk: Other | 4 |

| Trap Type | # of Traps | Frequency of Servicing |
|---|---|---|
| **GWSS** (Glassy-Winged Shapshooter) Includes urban, retail, and wholesale traps | 734 | every 2 weeks |
| **LBAM** (Light Brown Apple Moth) | 163 | every 4 weeks |

# University of California Cooperative Extention

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UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) in Santa Barbara County operates at the intersection of university research and the county's food system. Since 1927, UCCE has partnered with the County to help growers, land managers, and communities put UC research to work solving real world problems. In 2025, policy changes and uncertainty at the federal level impacted or delayed research projects and programs. However, UCCE continued to focus on high priority issues for local communities.

Integrated Pest Management Advisor Chris Greer conducted lettuce and celery trials addressing pest management related to Fusarium. This work helped identify new disease resistant breeding lines and cultivars, leading to more effective management where fumigants, fungicides and biocontrol products are too costly or ineffective. Subtropical Advisor Ben Faber continued citrus and avocado trials in high-density planting, pollination, irrigation, and pest management. To support producers managing asphyxiation in avocado trees going into 2025, Faber hosted workshops, farm calls, and newsletters on returning trees to productivity. Practices such as removing mulch, pruning back trees, and whitewashing to prevent sunburn resulted in many of the trees returning to health.

Whether through our Agricultural Advisors, UC Master Gardeners, 4-H, or other local programs, we invite you to connect with us. Visit our website to learn more—we're here to help:

https://ucanr.edu/county-office/santa-barbara-county

-Shannon Klisch, UC Cooperative Extension

In 2025, we welcomed a new Disaster Resilience Advisor, Lilian Thaoxaochay. Thaoxaochay launched "The Disaster Blog," an online resource to increase access to support before and after natural disasters. Thaoxaochay works closely with our Small Farms staff, Claire Tuohey-Mote, who assists small-scale producers. In 2025, Tuohey-Mote helped 8 farmers in the county receive over $180,000 in state funds for disaster relief.

2025 was a challenging and unpredictable year for many in our food system. UCCE continues to be a trusted partner helping local communities adapt and innovate in a changing environment.

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Follow us on Facebook for more information on our programs, department updates, and trainings.

# "PROTECTING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT"

## Environmental Protection

Pesticide Use Enforcement

Provide for the proper, safe, and effective use of pesticides for agricultural production and protection of public health and safety

Regulate and ensure proper stewardship of pesticides for environmental protection

Ensure safe working conditions, use of proper protective equipment, and training for employees working with or around pesticides

Pesticide use reporting, incident investigations, outreach activities, and monitoring applications.

## Consumer Protection

Weights & Measures
Organic
Direct Marketing

DEVICES
Annually inspect livestock scales, vehicle scales, propane delivery trucks, fuel dispensers, deli scales, and taxi meters

PETROLEUM
Enforce petroleum product quality, labeling, and advertising requirements

QUANTITY CONTROL
Ensure pricing and weight accuracy at checkout

DIRECT MARKETING
Certified Producers and Certified Farmers Markets

ORGANIC code enforcement

CROP STATISTICS
Annual report of the value of the county's agricultural commodities

## Pest Prevention

Pest Exclusion & Quarantine
Pest Detection
Pest Eradication
Seed & Nursery

PEST EXCLUSION & QUARANTINE
Inspection of incoming plant material and phytosanitary certification of exports

Enforcement of plant quarantines

PEST DETECTION
Early detection of insect pests

PEST ERADICATION
Eradication of particular pest species

SEED CERTIFICATION & INSPECTION

NURSERY INSPECTION
Inspection of growing, propagation and sale of nursery stock to ensure material is healthy and clean of pests

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