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PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CALIFORNIA'S
AGRICULTURE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND AN
EQUITABLE MARKETPLACE SINCE 1881

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During California's period of rapid expansion at the end of the nineteenth century, settlers not only brought their families, but also trees and vines, some carrying exotic insects and plant pathogens. These new pests caused so many problems for California farmers that the legislature, in order to protect California's blossoming agricultural industry, granted each county the authority to appoint a Horticultural Commissioner, the predecessors of today's Agricultural Commissioners.

"Sealers" are California's weights and measures officials, each endeavoring to provide an equitable marketplace to consumers and businesses. Trade and commerce are so interwoven in society that most never stop to question whether the gallon of fuel just paid for was actually a gallon. California's Sealers test devices and inspect packaging, labeling, advertising, and product quality—metrics of equity in the marketplace—to protect all of California's consumers and businesses. Most counties have combined these officials into a singular entity: the local Department of Agriculture and Weights and Measures. CACASA is the non-profit professional association of Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers from all of California's 58 counties.



EDUCATION · ADVOCACY · EQUITY

CACASA'S MISSION

To educate, advocate and promote equity for agriculture, weights and measures and all citizens of California.



CACASA'S VISION

CACASA envisions safe, healthy, thriving communities throughout California, a world-renown leader of agricultural production, contributing to the sustainment of our state, our nation, and the world. Our guiding principles are the promotion of a robust agricultural economy, the protection of human health and the environment, fair and consistent enforcement of laws and regulations, and the prevention of pest introductions into California.

PROTECTING THE CONSUMER



Enforce the accuracy of gas pumps, retail scales, electric meters, and any other commercial weighing or measuring device through testing and certification.

Inspect retail packages to verify contents are the correct quantity, weight, or volume.

Ensure that retailers charge the lowest advertised price for a product.

Sample and test the quality of petroleum products.

Audit establishments licensed as Weighmasters.

Review work performed by service agents selling, renting, installing, servicing, or repairing commercial devices.

MAINTAINING QUALITY STANDARDS



Enforce the quality and marketing standards of produce commercially grown or marketed in California.

Inspect certified farmer's markets and their vendors.

Certify that export commodities meet the standards of importing countries.

Inspect the growing, propagation, production, and sale of nursery stock.

Inspect retail and wholesale seed sellers, ensure proper labeling, and sample to test for germination and purity.

Inspect the health, quality, and grade standards of eggs at retailers and packers.

Inspect bee colonies for strength and health to ensure effective pollination.

PROMOTING CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE



Inspect incoming shipments of plants, plant parts, and other items that might carry disease or insect pests.

Early detection of exotic pests by surveillance and trapping.

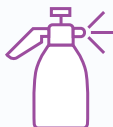
Cooperate with other agencies in the eradication of pests of concern.

Manage nuisance pests of agriculture and human health.

Distribute biocontrol agents for troublesome pests.

Random sampling of certified organic fields to ensure commodities are free from conventional pesticides.

ENFORCING RESPONSIBLE PESTICIDE USE



Evaluate applications and issue permits for the use of restricted material pesticides.

Perform pre-application site evaluations.

On-site monitoring of agricultural pesticide use to enforce pesticide handler, environmental, and public safety requirements.

Perform fieldworker safety inspections.

Audit pest control operations for record-keeping, worker health, and pesticide safety requirements.

Investigate incidents related to environmental effects, human health, and property damage.

CALIFORNIA COUNTIES ARE HIRING!



Qualified applicants will have a
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
with a major in or with a minimum
of 30 semester units (or equivalent) in:

AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGIST

Agricultural Science • Biological Science
Chemical Science • Physical Science
Mathematics • Statistics

WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR

Chemical Science • Law Enforcement
Physical Science • Mathematics
Engineering • Commerce • Marketing
Statistics • Physics

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