

## Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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## Samuel Conant promoted to the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer in charge of Pest Detection, Management & Crop Statistics Division

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Former Agricultural & Standards Inspector IV, Samuel Conant, has been promoted to the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer in charge of the Pest Detection, Management, & Crop Statistics Division by Tulare's Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Tom Tucker. He will assume his new role immediately.

Sam was born in Maine and grew up primarily in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Sam attended Oregon State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science & Technology.

Sam started his career with the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealers Office in August 2014 as an Ag & Standards Inspector Trainee. He was promoted to Agricultural & Standards Enforcement Officer in September of 2018. He was then promoted to Agricultural & Standards Inspector IV in April of 2020 in the Pesticide Use Enforcement Division.

"I am quite proud to offer Sam this position in my department because I know he has earned it. He has worked hard at doing his job and learning the many aspects of serving the industries we support and regulate. Not to mention completing all the necessary certifications and licenses." – Tom Tucker

As the Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in charge of our Pest Detection, Management, and Crop Statistics, Sam will oversee staff performing detection trapping for invasive and exotic pests. Within the Division, staff will also be performing management of noxious weeds, quarantine insects, and enforcing the ACP (Asian Citrus Psyllid) Bulk Citrus Safeguarding program. Lastly Sam's division is tasked with compiling and completing the Crop & Livestock Report each year for the Department.

"I am excited to start my new role as the Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer in charge of the Pest Detection, Management & Crop Statistics Division for Tulare County. I am honored to serve Tulare County and the community." – Sam Conant

Sam currently resides in Visalia with his partner Veronica, and their two children Harvey (5), and Madeline (5 mo.). Sam will assume his new position immediately.