

# CROP & LIVESTOCK REPORT 2025



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County of Santa Barbara

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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%.

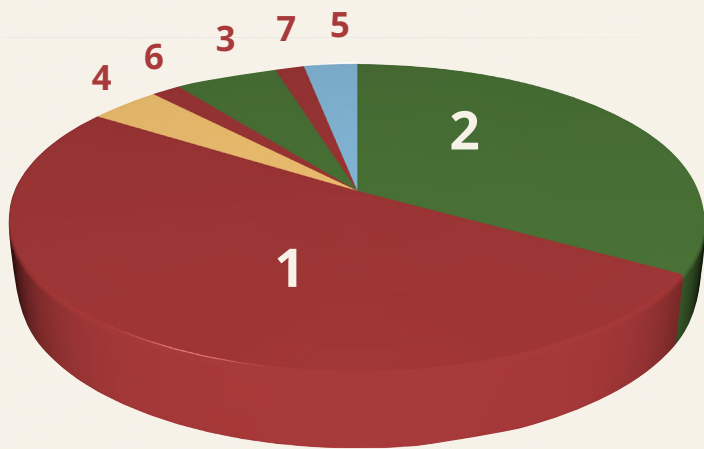
I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the agricultural community for its continued cooperation and for providing the essential data that make this report possible. I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts of our department staff, with special thanks to Matthew Maiten, Dallys 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*

Jose Chang  
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%

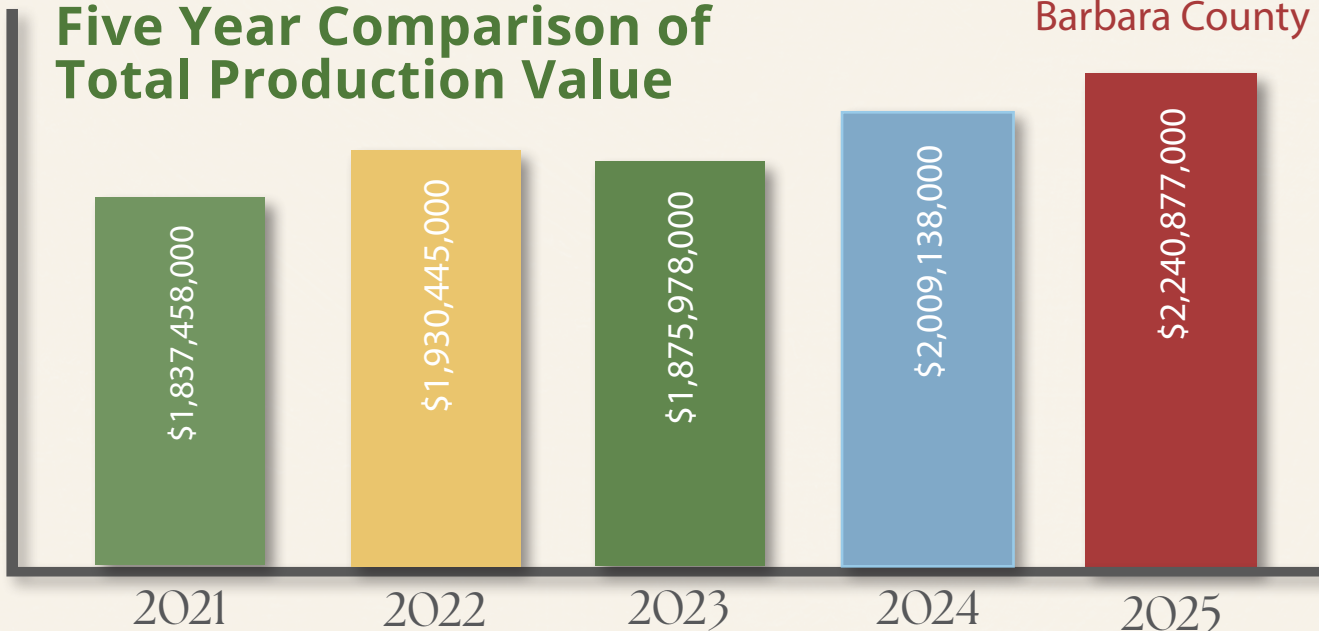
## Top 10 Commodities

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

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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
<b>Vegetable Total</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>54,093</b>					<b>\$750,530,000</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>44,197</b>					<b>\$628,145,000</b>

\*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
<b>Fruit &amp; Nuts Total</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>25,514</b>				<b>\$1,137,892,000</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>26,205</b>				<b>\$1,064,686,000</b>

\*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
<b>Wine Grapes Total</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>10,649</b>			<b>\$87,793,000</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>12,126</b>			<b>\$70,857,000</b>



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
<b>Field &amp; Seed Total</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>575,266</b>	<b>\$33,016,000</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>579,292</b>	<b>\$34,452,000</b>

\*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.

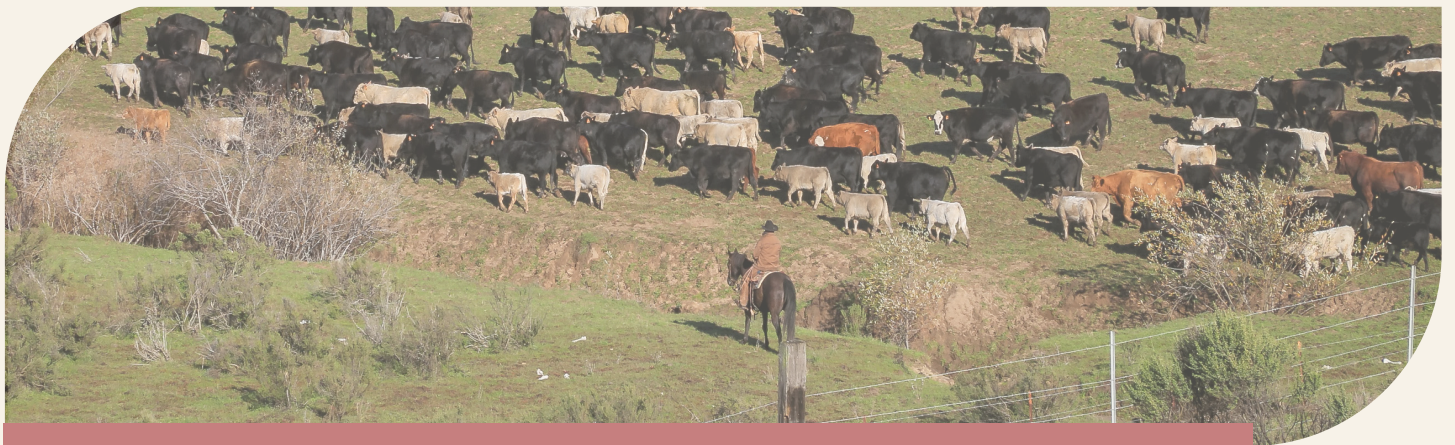
Cannabis Product Production & Value	Production	Unit	Average Price/Unit	Total Value
Cannabis Packaged Harvest Weight	14,320,000	Lbs	\$27.90	\$399,528,000
Seed/Clone/Immature Plant	495,418	Each	\$2.51	\$1,243,000
Cannabis Product Total Value (Not included in county total production)				\$400,771,000

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	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>35,103,697</b>	<b>806</b>

# 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
<b>Livestock Total</b>	<b>2025</b>	---	<b>\$65,831,000</b>
	<b>2024</b>	---	<b>\$51,988,000</b>

\*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
<b>2025</b>	<b>13,072</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$3,399,000</b>
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		Canada		Japan	
Broccoli	904	Cauliflower	1,487	Celery	513
Brussels sprouts	351	Cucumber	1,204	Blackberry	77
Cabbage	18	Pepper	883	Raspberry	26
Carrot	19	Blueberry	648	Lettuce	1

Kuwait		United Arab Emirates	
Blackberry	178	Strawberry	75
Strawberry	176	Blackberry	53
Raspberry	17	Raspberry	24
Blueberry	1	Blueberry	3



### 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



## ORGANIC FARMING

### 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.

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		MID-COUNTY		NORTH COUNTY	
<b>Carpinteria</b> Thursday 3:00 - 6:30 PM	<b>Montecito</b> Friday 8:00 - 11:15 AM	<b>Solvang</b> Wednesday 2:30 - 6:30 PM	<b>Buellton</b> Monday 2:00 - 6:00 PM	<b>Santa Maria</b> Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00 PM	
<b>Santa Barbara</b> Tuesday 3:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>Goleta</b> Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Vandenberg Village</b> Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Sunday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Orcutt</b> Tuesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	
Saturday 8:00 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	<i>Pinnaspis strachani</i>	A	21
black thread scale	<i>Ischnaspis longirostris</i>	A	18
boxwood scale	<i>Pinnaspis buxi</i>	A	18
trilobe scale	<i>Pseudaonidia trilobitiformis</i>	A	5
pacific mealybug	<i>Planococcus minor</i>	A	5
white peach scale	<i>Pseudaulacaspis pentagona</i>	A	4
oriental scale	<i>Aonidiella orientalis</i>	A	4
armored scale	<i>Aulacaspis tubercularis</i>	A	4
gray pineapple mealybug	<i>Dysmicoccus neobrevipes</i>	A	4
rufous scale	<i>Selenaspis articulatus</i>	A	3
floral ant	<i>Monomorium floricola</i>	A	3
sansevieria scale	<i>Parlatoria proteus</i>	A	3
coconut scale	<i>Aspidiotus destructor</i>	A	2
fig wax scale	<i>Ceroplastes rusci</i>	A	2
	<i>Other A Rated</i>	A	24
<b>Total A Rated</b>			<b>120</b>

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

# 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](mailto: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
<b>GWSS</b> (Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter) Includes urban, retail, and wholesale traps	734	every 2 weeks
<b>LBAM</b> (Light Brown Apple Moth)	163	every 4 weeks

# UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENTION



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

UC Cooperative Extension

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.



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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