

**ORANGE COUNTY
ANNUAL CROP REPORT
· 2017 ·**

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It is my pleasure to present the 2017 Orange County Crop Report as prepared pursuant to Section 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. The reported total value for 2017 was \$113,237,000 representing a 1 percent decrease compared to the 2016 overall income. Agricultural production values are based upon the free-on-board (F.O.B.) packed price at the first point of delivery, and include cost of production, harvesting, and preparation for market. Gross values, therefore, do not reflect net returns to the producer. Federal incentive, conservation and other support payments are excluded from this report.

The following are highlights of the 2017 Orange County Crop Report:

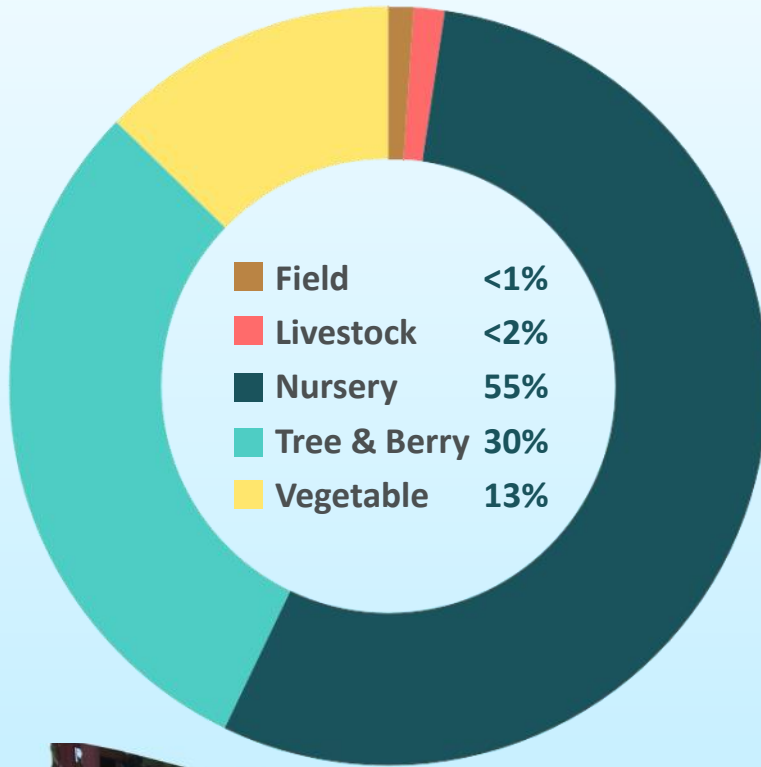
- Despite the large amount of rainfall in early 2017, all agricultural sectors continued to be challenged due to extreme temperatures persisting late into the fall and negative impacts from the large autumn fires.
- The value and production of Orange County livestock saw an increase.
- Decreases in overall value were seen in the vegetable, tree fruit, and berry industries.
- Nursery products continued to top Orange County's agricultural production, contributing 55 percent of the overall agricultural value.

This report is produced each year with the outstanding partnership and cooperation of the nursery industry, ranchers, farmers, and FFA education programs that represent the agricultural industry in Orange County. My appreciation goes to all of the producers, growers, and individuals in the agribusiness sector for their assistance in providing the data to make this report possible. I also extend my sincere thanks to the exceptional staff here at Orange County who help in the compilation and preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SUMMARY



The total value of agricultural products grown within Orange County within the calendar year of 2017 is approximately

\$113,237,000

which represents a decrease of 1% when compared to the total value of production of 2016 of \$114,795,000.

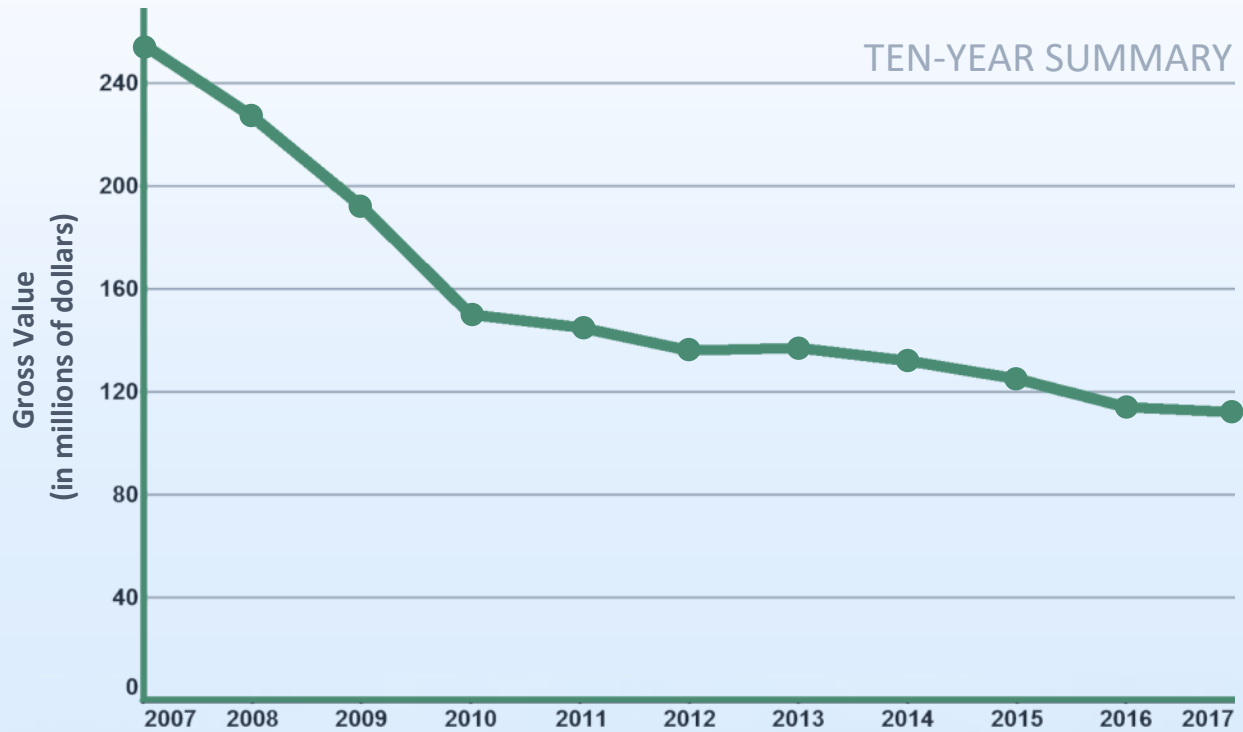
Crop	2016		2017	Change
Livestock	\$	887,000	\$ 2,094,000	136%
Field	\$	732,000	\$ 1,187,000	62%
Nursery	\$	55,685,000	\$ 61,670,000	11%
Tree & Berry	\$	38,344,000	\$ 33,935,000	-11%
Vegetable	\$	19,147,000	\$ 14,351,000	-25%

Highlights of 2017

Total Agricultural Acreage	20,689
Commodity with Highest Dollar Value	Nursery Stock
Commodity with Greatest Acreage	Avocados

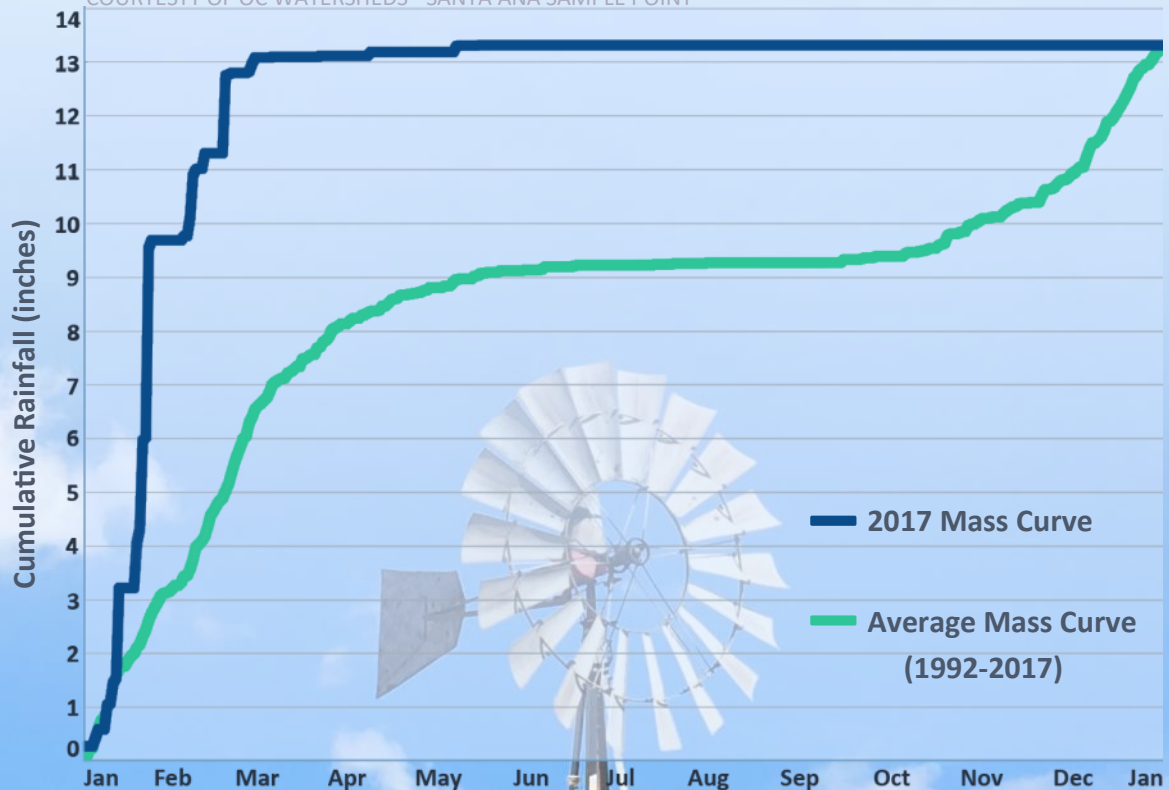
TEN-YEAR SUMMARY & 2017 RAINFALL DATA

ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION VALUE



COURTESY OF OC WATERSHEDS - SANTA ANA SAMPLE POINT

RAINFALL DATA



NURSERY STOCK PRODUCTION

Nursery stock ranked first for Orange County commodities again this year. 2017 saw an **11% increase** in gross returns from 2016. The 2017 nursery stock income was **\$61,670,000**, up from \$55,685,000 in 2016. This may be attributed to the massive rains experienced at the beginning of 2017 as Orange County received more than 13 inches of rain from January to March.

Nursery Stock	Value
Ornamental Trees & Shrubs	\$60,370,000
Liners, Flat Stock, and Cut Trees*	\$862,000
Succulents	\$438,000
Total Nursery Value	\$61,670,000

*Includes Christmas Trees



VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Vegetable production in Orange County is seeing gradual change as old agricultural lands are re-zoned and developed to meet the demands of the Southern California housing market. Vegetable production is expanding beyond wholesale and packing houses and towards the growing demand for farmers' markets and direct-to-consumer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs. In addition, some Orange County farmers are implementing non-traditional production methods such as aquaponics greenhouses and microgreens.

Vegetable Crop	Acreage	Production (tons)	Value
Brassica ¹	27	352	\$221,000
Cucurbits ²	46	663	\$798,000
Root Vegetables ³	5	11	\$26,000
Bulb Vegetables ⁴	3	8	\$17,000
Miscellaneous Vegetable Crop†	941	9,006	\$13,289,000
Total Vegetable Value	1,022	10,040	\$14,351,000

¹Includes: broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and kale

²Includes: cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, and watermelons

³Includes: turnips, radishes, carrots, and beets

⁴includes: onions, green onions, leeks, and garlic

†Per the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Disclosure Rules: Where there are less than three producers of one product or where one producer is responsible for 60 percent or more of the product entering the marketplace, the product total must be combined with other products to avoid disclosure of the business affairs of the firms involved.

TREE FRUIT & BERRY PRODUCTION

Tree Fruit & Berry Crops	Acreage	Production (tons)	Value
Citrus Fruits ¹	373	10,096	\$7,655,000
Strawberries	386	8,939	\$19,792,000
Miscellaneous Fruit & Berry Crops ²	1,078	2,088	\$6,488,000
Total Fruit & Berry Value	1,837	21,123	\$33,935,000

¹Includes: oranges and lemons

²Includes: avocados, miscellaneous orchard crops, and miscellaneous berry crops

FIELD CROPS

Field Crops & Pasture	Acreage	Production (tons)	Value
Total Field & Pasture Value³	16,187	1,468	\$1,187,000

³Includes: barley grain, garbanzo beans, lima beans, and pasture rental





APIARY PRODUCTION

Apiary Products

Total Apiary Value¹

\$529,000

¹Includes: honey, beeswax, pollen, sale of bees and queens, and pollination rental



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Livestock	Units Sold	Value
Cattle & Swine	407	\$1,375,000
Poultry ²	54	\$9,000
Miscellaneous Livestock ³	217	\$99,000
Miscellaneous Livestock Products ⁴	N/A	\$82,000
Total Livestock Value	678	\$1,565,000

²Includes: chickens and turkeys

³Includes: goats, sheep, and rabbits

⁴includes: eggs and dairy



CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKETS

Certified Farmers Markets (CFMs) are not only fun community events but also allow consumers to purchase fresh and seasonal produce directly from local growers. At CFMs, farmers may only sell produce they grow themselves. This is enforced through semiannual inspections at each market and annual commodity inspections at each production site within the county.

A total of **41** certified producer certificates were issued to local growers and a total of **35** farmers markets were certified in 2017. Market schedules may change, visit www.ocagcomm.com for the most recent updates.

**ANAHEIM
KAISER PERMANENTE**
4300 E La Palma Ave
Friday 9am - 2pm

**BUENA PARK
FAMER'S MARKETPLACE**
La Palma x Stanton
Sears Parking Lot
Saturday 9am - 2pm

CORONA DEL MAR
Marguerite x PCH
Saturday 9am - 1pm

COSTA MESA
Orange County Fairgrounds
Thursday 9am - 1pm

**COSTA MESA
PACIFIC ARTS PLAZA**
Anton x Bristol
Friday 10am - 2pm

CYPRESS
Katella x Lexington
Saturday 10am - 2pm

DOWNTOWN ANAHEIM
205 Center St Promenade
Thursday 11am - 4pm

DOWNTOWN SANTA ANA
Promenade x Sycamore
Sunday 10am - 2pm

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY
MARKET IN THE PARK**
Fountain Valley Rec Center
Thursday 5pm - 8pm

FULLERTON
Independence Park
Euclid x Valencia
Wednesday 8am - 1pm

FULLERTOWN DOWNTOWN
Fullerton x Wilshire
Thursday 4pm - 8:30pm
April—October

GREAT PARK
Sand Canyon x Marine Way
Sunday 10am - 2pm

HUNTINGTON BEACH
Pier Plaza
6th x PCH
Friday 1pm - 5pm

IRVINE
Mariners Church Parking Lot
Saturday 8am - 12pm

**IRVINE JAMBOREE
MARKETPLACE**
The Commons
Jamboree x Main
Wednesday 11am - 2pm
Every 3rd Wednesday only

IRVINE REGIONAL PARK
Irvine Park Rd in Orange
Tuesday 8am - 12pm
No park admission fee

IRVINE TOWERS
Von Karman x Michelson
Tuesday 10am - 2pm

**IRVINE
KAISER PERMANENTE**
Alton Pkwy x Sand Canyon
Wednesday 9am - 1pm

**LA PALMA
KAISER PERMANENTE**
#5 Centerpointe Drive
Friday 10am - 2pm

LAGUNA BEACH
Lumberyard Parking Lot
near City Hall
Saturday 8am - 12pm

LAGUNA HILLS
El Toro Road x
Avenida de la Carlota
Friday 9am - 1pm

LAGUNA NIGUEL
La Paz Road
Sunday 8am - 12pm

**LOCAL HARVEST
GARDEN GROVE**
Main x Garden Grove Blvd
Sunday 9am - 2pm

NEWPORT BEACH
McFadden Square
The Newport Pier
Sunday 9am - 1pm

OLD CAPISTRANO
El Camino Real x Yorba
Wednesday 3pm - 7pm

**ORANGE HOMEGROWN
& ARTISANS MARKET**
304 N Cypress Ave
Saturday 9am - 1pm

PLACENTIA
Placentia Town Center
Tuesday 4pm - 8pm

SAN CLEMENTE VILLAGE
Avenida Del Mar x Seville
Sunday 9am - 1pm

**SAN CLEMENTE
NORTH BEACH**
1816 El Camino Real
Wednesday 3pm - 7pm
April—October

SEAL BEACH VILLAGE
Westminster x Seal Beach
Tuesday 9am - 1pm

SOCO
Sunflower x Hyland
Saturday 9am - 2pm

**SURF CTY NIGHTS
DOWNTOWN STREET FAIR**
Main x Olive
Huntington Beach
Tuesday 5pm - 9pm

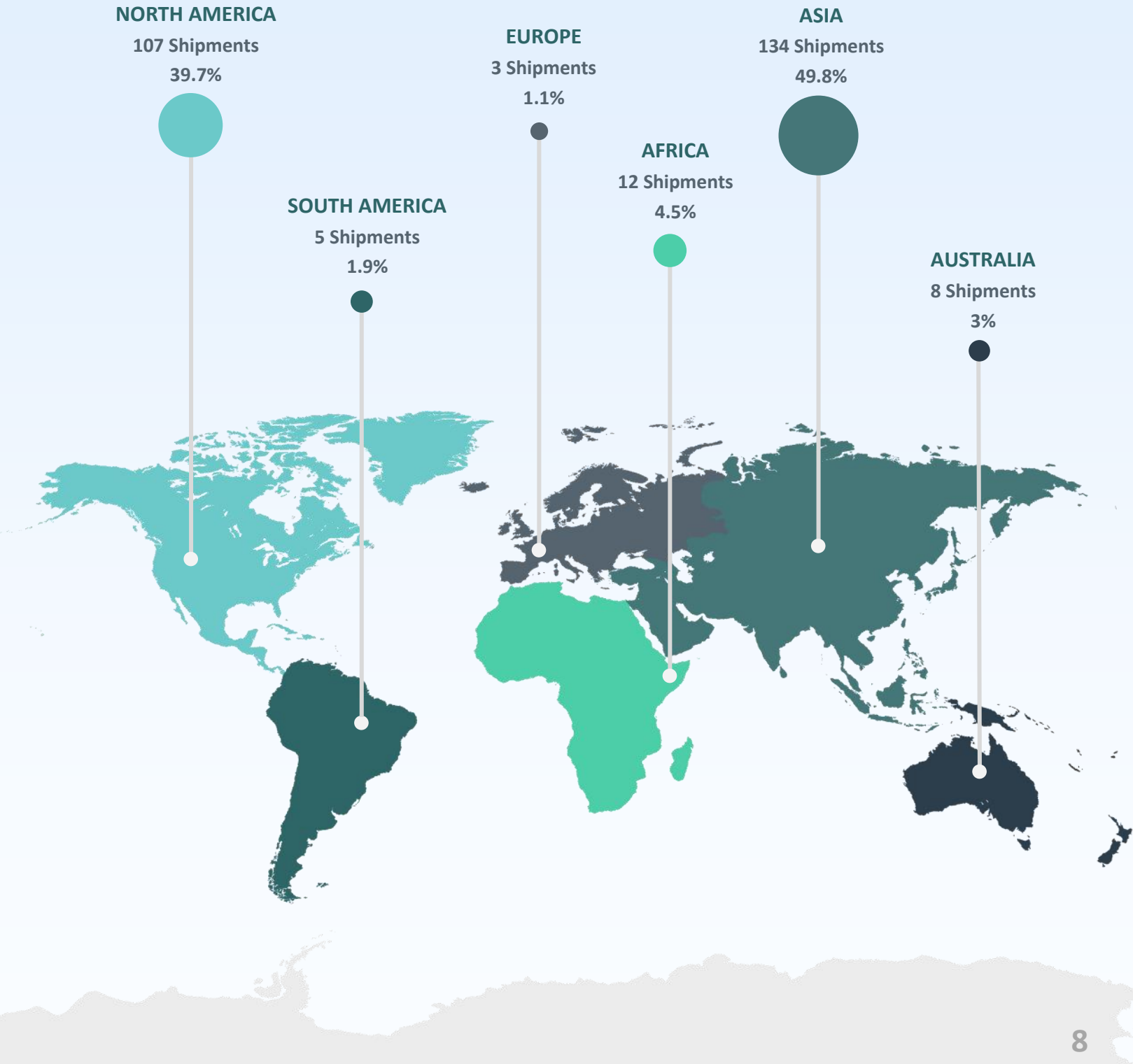
THE NEW DANA POINT
Golden Lantern x PCH
Saturday 9am - 1pm

TUSTIN
3rd x El Camino
Wednesday 9am - 1pm

YORBA LINDA OLD TOWN
4861 Main Street
Saturday 9am - 1pm

TRADING PARTNERS & PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTIONS

In 2017, the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner's Office issued **269** Federal Phytosanitary Certificates for shipments destined for our international trading partners. Phytosanitary certificates assure that the agricultural commodities produced or processed within Orange County have been inspected and certified by an Accredited Certifying Official to be free from injurious insect pests and plant diseases as required by the importing country.



PEST PREVENTION & DETECTION PROGRAMS

Orange County Agricultural Standards Inspectors work with the California Department of Food and Agriculture to detect and intercept exotic agricultural pests that endanger the livelihood of our local producers and prevent the spread of established pests to un-infested areas. Orange County works in conjunction with our neighboring counties in Southern California to keep track of known pests and remain vigilant of new and possible pest threats.

PIERCE'S DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM

The Glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) is an established pest in Orange County. This leafhopper insect is a vector for *Xylella fastidiosa*, a bacterium that causes Pierce's Disease in grape vines. This disease has no known cure and is fatal to grapevines, so restricting the movement of the Glassy-winged sharpshooter is the most effective way of keeping the spread of this insect under control. County inspectors partner with local nurseries to install monitoring traps and inspect all host plant material leaving our county to ensure the safety of our agricultural neighbors in Central and Northern California.

- > Inspectors placed **568** traps in nurseries and serviced these traps biweekly
- > **679** GWSS were captured on our nursery traps
- > **1,258** inspections of outgoing plant shipments were completed
- > Most importantly, a total of **0** GWSS were discovered on outgoing shipments in 2017



GYPSY MOTH INSPECTIONS

The Gypsy Moth is native to Europe and Asia and was introduced to Massachusetts in 1869. Since then this moth has spread to a large portion of the East Coast, where its caterpillars pose a great threat to forests and urban landscaping. This moth prefers to lay its egg sacs in secluded corners of outdoor structures and furniture, so inspections to detect this moth are performed on any outdoor furnishings or equipment that is brought into Orange County from the East Coast.



- > **84** inspections were performed on patio furniture, lawn equipment, BBQ grills, boats, outdoor recreational vehicles, tires, firewood, and any other outdoor household items
- > A total of **0** Gypsy Moths were found on incoming materials in 2017



ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID & 黃龍病 (CITRUS GREENING)

Orange County's newest agricultural threat is a small insect called the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP). This insect vectors a bacterial pathogen *Candidatus Liberibacter* that causes a citrus disease known by the Chinese name *Huánglóngbìng* (HLB) which directly translates to "yellow dragon disease." This disease causes non-symmetrically yellowing and curling of citrus leaves and uncharacteristic yellow shoots. It has no known cure and is ultimately fatal to the infected tree, and while infected trees may survive for a few years the disease causes the trees to stop producing edible fruit.

Currently the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner's office is working with the State to contact local governments, businesses, and residents to share information and ask that they cooperate with detection and eradication efforts. Any trees that are discovered to be positive for HLB are immediately removed to help eliminate the immediate threat of HLB in the surrounding area and protect California's citrus industry.



PEST EXCLUSION PROGRAMS

Orange County Inspectors work with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and Federal regulatory agencies to inspect all possible methods of plant entry and intercept dangerous exotic pests that can threaten our urban landscapes and agriculture. Orange County Inspectors monitored plant shipments at major UPS and FedEx terminals and conducted inspections on incoming air and sea freight, truck shipments, and at destination nurseries.

> Inspectors profiled **53,668** plant shipments and inspected **20,894** shipments in 2017

> **112** shipments were issued a Notice of Rejection

PEST INTERCEPTIONS

Pests intercepted during these inspections were submitted to Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Botany labs for identification and rating. Pests are rated according to their environmental and biological significance as well as their direct and indirect impacts on agricultural production and potential detrimental effects on the environment.

A-rated pests are organisms of known economic importance subject to state enforcement actions such as eradication, quarantine, or rejection. In 2017 **25** A-rated pests were submitted for identification.

Q-rated pests are organisms requiring a temporary “A” action pending determination of a permanent rating. The organism is suspected to be of economic importance but its status is uncertain because of incomplete identification or inadequate information.

In 2017 a total of **91** Q-rated pests were submitted for identification. Notable finds are listed below.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Rating
<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>	Light brown apple moth	A
<i>Pinnaspis strachani</i>	Lesser snow scale	A
<i>Fiorina externa</i>	Diaspidid scale	A
<i>Pseudaulacaspis pentagona</i>	White peach scale	A
<i>Aspidiotus destructor</i>	Coconut scale	A
<i>Orgyia leucostigma</i>	White-marked tussock moth	A
<i>Parmarion martensi</i>	Semi-slug	A
<i>Pulvinaria psidii</i>	Green shield scale	A
<i>Singhiella simplex</i>	Ficus whitefly	A
<i>Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli</i>	Magnolia white scale	A
<i>Diaphorina citri</i>	Asian citrus psyllid	A
<i>Eleutherodactylus coqui</i>	Coqui frog	Q
<i>Homoptera cinara</i>	Cinara aphids	Q
<i>Pilosella spp</i>	Hawkweed	Q

PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT

The Pesticide Use Enforcement division of the Agricultural Commissioner's office enforces pesticide use laws and regulations to protect the urban and agricultural environment as well as those individuals who work with and around pesticides. Orange County Inspectors work with the Department of Pesticide Regulation and the Structural Pest Control Board to enforce proper pesticide use through active inspections, illness investigations, annual registrations of pest control businesses, and monitoring of pesticide use reports.

In 2017 the Pesticide Use Enforcement division completed the following inspections:

- > **657** full Structural fumigation inspections and **1,898** partial Structural fumigation inspections
- > **149** Structural Application and Mix/Load inspections
- > **219** Pesticide use monitoring and Mix/Load inspections of agricultural and non-ag sites
- > **243** Headquarter inspections

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The Weights & Measures Program is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used commercially in the County to ensure consumer and business confidence during transactions. Devices are tested for accuracy and inspected to determine if they are appropriate for their intended use. The Weights and Measures Program enforces laws and regulations pertaining to Quantity Control, Weighmaster, Service Agency, Petroleum Products, Scanner Verification and investigation of consumer complaints.

In 2017 the Weights & Measures division registered **161,181** commercial devices and including the following:

- > **19,299** Retail Motor Fuel Meters
- > **6,604** Small Scales
- > **31,520** Electric Sub Meters
- > **31,850** Hydro Carbon Vapor Sub Meters
- > **68,230** Water Sub Meters
- > **89** Vehicle Scales
- > **721** Taximeters

Weights and Measures inspectors also perform Price Verification inspections to enforce price accuracy standards at businesses within the County. Inspections are performed at all levels of commerce, from wholesale to retail, to ensure that commodity pricing is accurate and to minimize fraud and misrepresentation.

- > **22,141** price scanning devices were registered in 2017

WEED ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

Orange County's Weed Abatement program is responsible for the removal of hazardous vegetation and maintenance of fire breaks along structures and roadways in the county's unincorporated areas to increase fire safety and protect Orange County residents against the loss of life and property.

- > **1,976,996 square feet** (over 45 acres) of weeds were removed by either cutting or discing

DEPARTMENT STAFF

OUR MISSION

To provide quality leadership and service in State enforcement programs that include agricultural services, weights and measures, and pesticide regulation.

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Jeff Croy

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