

Sacramento Region Agricultural Regulations Survey

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Background

In partnership with Agriculture Commissioners and Farm Bureaus throughout the 6-county Sacramento region, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is gathering data on the costs and revenues associated with various types of agricultural production and processing in the region. This is part of SACOG's Rural-Urban Connections Strategy project, which is building an understanding of rural economic challenges and opportunities and studying ways to improve agricultural viability. A key challenge in agriculture is the number and cost of regulations that farmers, ranchers and processors face every year. This survey will help SACOG and others understand not only the number of regulations, but also the annual cost of meeting those requirements. The information gathered from this survey will be used to analyze economic performance under various regulatory and economic conditions. This analysis will be shared with policy makers and regulators to help them understand the impact of regulations and changing economic conditions on the agriculture industry. For more information on the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy project, please contact David Shabazian at (916)340-6231 or dshabazian@sacog.org. There is also a website for the project at www.sacog.org/rucs. If you would like more information about the survey, you may contact David or your Agriculture Commissioner or Farm Bureau representative.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your responses will be very helpful.

Farm/Ranch/Processor Description

This section will help us understand size and type of operation in order to explain how regulations and permitting affect different operations.

Name

Location(s)

1. How many acres do you farm and/or what is your processing capacity?
(This will help us determine how regulations affect operations at different scales.)

2. Please describe your operation:

Processing (either exclusively or as part of a larger production operation)

One field, one crop

One field, multiple crops in rotation

More than one field, one crop

More than one field, multiple crops (in rotation or otherwise)

3. Please describe the crops you grow and/or process. What are those crops and how many acres (or for processing, how much volume)? *Please refer to the last page of the survey for a list of crop types being used for this project.*

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4. What is your annual average gross income and total operating costs?
(This will help us determine what percent of income and operating cost regulations and permitting represent.)

Gross Income

Operating Cost

Air Quality Regulations

This section will help us understand which air quality regulations and permitting you deal with annually. If you are growing multiple crops and/or processing multiple crops, please indicate if different crops have different regulations.

Please fill in the table below. Please use comment section if you have comments about the regulations. Please use the back if you have more than four regulations or permits.

Regulation/Permit/ Training	Cost of Permit	Hrs. to Get Permit/ Training (Labor)	Labor Cost	Other Cost(s) (Please Describe)

Comments:

Water Quality Regulations

This section will help us understand which water quality regulations and permitting you deal with annually. If growing multiple crops and/or processing multiple crops, please indicate if different crops have different regulations.

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Environmental and Habitat Regulations

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Comments:

Health, Safety and Hazardous Materials Regulations

This section will help us understand which health, safety and hazardous materials regulations and permitting you deal with annually. If growing multiple crops and/or processing multiple crops, please indicate if different crops have different regulations.

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Comments:

Pesticide Regulations

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Comments:

Labor Regulations

This section will help us understand which labor regulations and permitting you deal with annually. If growing multiple crops and/or processing multiple crops, please indicate if different crops have different regulations.

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Comments:

Land Use Regulations

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Comments:

Vehicle Regulations

This section will help us understand which vehicle regulations and permitting (registration) you deal with annually. This includes regulations and permits for hauling hazardous materials. If you have multiple vehicles, please indicate if different regulations apply.

Please fill in the table below. Please use comment section if you have comments about the regulations. Please use the back if you have more than four regulations or permits.

Regulation/Permit/ Training	Cost of Permit	Hrs. to Get Permit/ Training (Labor)	Labor Cost	Other Cost(s) (Please Describe)

Comments:

Pending Regulations

This section will help us understand which pending regulations and permitting you think you may have to deal with annually. If growing multiple crops and/or processing multiple crops, please indicate if different crops have different regulations.

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Comments:

Processing, Marketing, Weights and Measures Regulations

This section will help us understand if there other regulations that apply to your processing operations that you deal with annually. Included in this section are weights and measures, marketing, and any other regulations affecting processing or out-of-state trade. *If you do not have any processing on-site or are not subject to other regulations in this section, you can skip this section.*

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Comments:

Crop Categories

Almonds	Nursery	Pasture (Livestock)	Timber
Apples	Olives	Peaches	Vegetables
Dairy	Other Citrus	Pears	Walnuts
Grapes	Other Fruits and Nuts	Prunes	
Mandarin	Other Stone Fruits	Rice	

Rotations

- Alfalfa Rotation
- General Field Crop Rotation
- Processing Tomato Rotation

The following chart is a common rotation pattern for certain crops. How does your rotation pattern differ?

Alfalfa Rotation	Alfalfa	Corn	Wheat	Safflower	Sunflower	Beans	
weighted % of rotation	59.6%	6.6%	23.6%	3.3%	6.7%	0.2%	
My Rotation %							
General Field Crop Rotation	Alfalfa	Corn	Wheat	Safflower	Sunflower	Beans	
weighted % of rotation	45.2%	4.5%	27.1%	13.0%	9.3%	0.9%	
My Rotation %							
Processing Tomato Rotation	Tomatoes	Alfalfa	Corn	Wheat	Safflower	Sunflower	Beans
weighted % of rotation	45.6%	19.4%	3.8%	19.6%	4.7%	6.6%	0.3%
My Rotation %							