

2026 VEGETABLE CHEMICAL USE SURVEY

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CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE

VERSION 01	POID _____	SUBTRACT _____
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CONTACT RECORD

DATE	TIME	NOTES

INTRODUCTION:

[Introduce yourself, and ask for the operator. Rephrase in your own words.]

We are collecting information on chemical use and pest management practices and need your help to make the information as accurate as possible. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your response will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation without your consent is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is voluntary.

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We encourage you to refer to your farm records during the interview.

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BEGINNING TIME [MILITARY].....

Name, address, and partners verified and updated if necessary.

During the screening phase of the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey conducted in June and July, your operation was found to be growing or intending to grow vegetables this year. I now need to verify some of the information collected during the screening survey.

Verify operation name and operator on label and/or screener.

- If no changes, go to page 3.
- If changed, continue to Change in Operating Status on next page.

CHANGE IN OPERATOR STATUS

[Enumerator Note: Skip this section if there is no change in operation name or operator.]

1. Has there been a change in operation name or operator?

023 ₁ Yes – Continue

₃ No – Go to Enumerator Note below.

Operation Name _____ Operator Name _____ Address _____ _____ Phone (_____) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone

[Enumerator Note: If the operation on the face page was in business part of the 2026 crop year, complete this questionnaire for the part of the year during which the operation did business, unless the operation has been taken over by a new operator. If the operator has changed midyear, please conduct this interview start to finish with the new operator after reading "Valid Substitution" rules in section 4 of the Interviewer's Manual.]

2. Has the operation printed on this questionnaire been combined or merged with any other farming operations?

₁ Yes – Go to Conclusion

₃ No – Continue

SCREENING

1. Did this operation have any of the target crops during the 2026 crop year? [See page 6 for target crops.]

Yes – Continue

No – Write notes explaining the situation, then go to Conclusion.

2. Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation (name on label) made by — [Check one]

one individual? [Go to California Screening, page 4]

a hired manager? [Go to California Screening, page 4]

partners? [Continue]

3. How many individuals are involved in the day-to-day decisions of this operation? [Enter the number of partners, including the partner named on the label. Identify the other persons in this partnership below, then go to California Screening, page 4. Partners jointly operate land and share in decision making. Do not include landlords and tenants as partners.....]

Number

4. Please identify the other person(s) in this partnership, then go to California Screening, page 4. Verify partners' names and make necessary corrections if names have already been entered.

Check if verified POID _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Check if cell phone

Check if verified POID _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Check if cell phone

Check if verified POID _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Check if cell phone

Check if verified POID _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Check if cell phone

CALIFORNIA SCREENING

5. What ID (pesticide permit number) does this operation use for reporting pesticide applications on the target crop acres to the County Agricultural Commissioners?

County		Number			

a. Is this ID used to report pesticide applications for any other operations?

1 Yes – Continue 3 No – Go to item 6

b. What other operation(s) is this ID used to report for?

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone:(_____) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone	Phone:(_____) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone

6. Does the operation use any other ID's to report pesticide applications on the target crops bearing acres to the County Agricultural Commissioners?

1 Yes – Continue 3 No – Go to Section A

a. What are these other ID numbers?.....

County		Number			

b. Do you use any of these ID's to report pesticide applications for any other operation?

1 Yes – Continue 3 No – Go to Section A

i. What other operations use this ID for reporting? [Identify operation and ID.]

Name: _____	Name: _____
Reporting ID: _____	Reporting ID: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone:(_____) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone	Phone:(_____) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone

A**LAND OPERATED****A**

Acres Operated

[Enumerator Action: If acreage on the insert is verified as correct, enter code 1 in box 801, then skip to Section B. If acreage has changed, ask all questions.].....

801

Now I would like to ask about the total acres operated under this land arrangement.

1. How many acres does this operation —

a. own?.....

+

Acres

901

b. rent or lease from others or use rent free? EXCLUDE land used on an animal unit month (AUM) basis.....

+

902

c. rent to others?.....

-

905

2. [Calculate item 1a + 1b - 1c.] Then the total acres operated are:

=

900

a. Does this include the farmstead, all cropland, woodland, pastureland, wasteland, and government program land?

¹ Yes – Continue

³ No – Make corrections, then continue.

The remaining questions in this survey refer to these (item 2) acres.

3. Of the total acres operated, how many acres are considered cropland? INCLUDE land in hay, summer fallow, cropland idle, cropland used for pasture, and cropland in government programs.....

802

4. Of the total acres operated, how many acres are vegetables? INCLUDE both target and non-target vegetables planted on the operation.....

803

B

VEGETABLE ACREAGE

B

1. What target vegetable crops were on these [Section A, item 4] acres during the 2026 crop year? EXCLUDE new plantings of vegetables not intended for harvest in 2026.

Table
001Office Use
Lines in Table

Line 99

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LINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Crop	Crop Code	How many acres of [crop] did this operation have? Acres	Were any commercial fertilizers applied to this crop? Yes = 1 No = 3	Were any herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc. applied to this crop? Yes = 1 No = 3	On what date did you complete harvest of your 2025 crop year [crop]? MM DD YY	On what date did you complete harvest of your 2026 crop year [crop]? MM DD YY
01			11	12	13	14	15
02			11	12	13	14	15
03			11	12	13	14	15
04			11	12	13	14	15
05			11	12	13	14	15
06			11	12	13	14	15
07			11	12	13	14	15
08			11	12	13	14	15
09			11	12	13	14	15
10			11	12	13	14	15
11			11	12	13	14	15
12			11	12	13	14	15
13			11	12	13	14	15
14			11	12	13	14	15
15			11	12	13	14	15

Crop Codes

613 Beans, Snap	766 Corn, Sweet	728 Lettuce, Other	770 Tomatoes
808 Cabbage	798 Cucumbers	824 Onions	752 Watermelons
709 Cantaloupes	723 Garlic	736 Peppers, Bell	
632 Carrots	730 Honeydew	738 Pumpkins	
715 Celery	725 Lettuce, Head	742 Squash	

L I N E	CAL - EPA SITE LOCATION NUMBER (if required)					
01						
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INCLUDES and EXCLUDES

INCLUDE:

Target Crops only.
 All acreage equal to or greater than one tenth of an acre.
 All acreage for processing or fresh market.
 All acreage for roadside stands, farmer's markets, or U-pick sales.
 Acreage not harvested due to weather, economic, or other reasons.
 Crops planted in the fall of 2025 if they were part of the 2026 crop.
 Double cropping.

EXCLUDE:

All crops grown in another state.
 All crops grown in greenhouses and hothouses.
 Home garden vegetable acreage.
 All mushrooms, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, dry beans.
 All vegetable acres grown by institutional, experimental, research, and university farms.
 Non-target vegetables.

FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS

Enumerator Note--

If column 4 of the table in Section B is Yes for any crops, continue with item 1.

If column 4 of the table in Section B is No for all crops, go to Section E, page 10.

1. I need to record complete information on all commercial fertilizers applied to the target vegetables grown during the 2026 crop year. INCLUDE all applications regardless of how they were applied such as irrigation water, foliar applications, etc. Record amount of an analysis of fertilizers applied or pounds of actual plant nutrients applied. Complete the table below and any necessary supplemental fertilizer tables. EXCLUDE micronutrients, lime, and gypsum.

Office Use Lines in Table	Table 001	299
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LINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Crop	Crop Code	NITROGEN	PHOSPHATE	POTASH	SULFUR	What quantity was applied per acre? [Leave this column blank if actual nutrients were reported.]	Unit Codes 1 Pounds 12 Gallons 13 Quarts 15 Liquid Oz. 28 Dry Oz. 19 Actual Nutrients	To how many acres was this applied? Acres	How many times was it applied? Number
			N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	S				
01			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
02			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
03			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
04			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
05			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
06			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
07			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
08			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
09			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
10			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
11			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
12			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
13			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
14			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
15			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
16			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
17			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41

FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS

LINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Crop	Crop Code	NITROGEN N	PHOSPHATE P ₂ O ₅	POTASH K ₂ O	SULFUR S	What quantity was applied per acre? [Leave this column blank if actual nutrients were reported.]	Unit Codes 1 Pounds 12 Gallons 13 Quarts 15 Liquid Oz. 28 Dry Oz. 19 Actual Nutrients	To how many acres was this applied? Acres	How many times was it applied? Number
18			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
19			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
20			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
21			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
22			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
23			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
24			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
25			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
26			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
27			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
28			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
29			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
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35			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
36			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
37			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
38			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
39			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41
40			31	32	33	34	36	37	40	41

COMPLETION CODE FOR
FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS1 Incomp/R
3 Valid Zero

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E PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Now I have some questions about pest management practices you may have used on any of the total vegetable acres on this operation. INCLUDE both target and non-target vegetable crops grown. By pests, we mean insects, weeds, and diseases.

[Enumerator Action: Were pesticide applications reported in Section B, column 5 on page 6?]

Yes – Continue

No – Go to item 4

1. Was weather data used to assist in determining either the need or when to make pesticide applications?.....

	Code
Yes=1	600
No=3	

2. Were any biological pesticides such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), insect growth regulators, such as Courier, Intrepid, etc., neem or other natural/biological based products sprayed or applied to manage pests?.....

Yes=1	601
No=3	

3. Were pesticides with different mechanisms of action rotated or tank mixed for the primary purpose of keeping pests from becoming resistant to pesticides?.....

Yes=1	602
No=3	

4. In 2026, how were your vegetable acres primarily scouted for insects, weeds, diseases, and/or beneficial organisms?.....

<p>1 By deliberately going to the vegetable acres specifically for scouting activities. Enter code 1 and go to item 5.</p> <p>2 By conducting general observations while performing routine tasks. Enter code 2 and go to item 7.</p> <p>3 The vegetable acres were not scouted. Enter code 3 and go to item 10.</p>
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	Code
.....	608

5. Was an established scouting process used such as systemic sampling, recording counts, insect traps, etc., on any vegetable acres?.....

	Code
Yes=1	609
No=3	

6. Was scouting for pests done on these vegetable acres due to —

a. a pest advisory warning?.....

	Code
Yes=1	610
No=3	

b. a pest development model?.....

Yes=1	611
No=3	

1	2	3
7. Were your vegetable acres scouted for —	Yes = 1 No = 3	[If column 2 = Yes, ask—] Who did the majority of the scouting for [column 1]? 1 Operator, partner or family member 2 An employee 3 Farm supply or chemical dealer 4 Independent crop consultant or commercial scout 5 Processor 6 Other: (specify: _____) Code
a. weeds?.....	612	614
b. insects or mites?.....	615	617
c. disease?.....	618	620

E PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

E

		Code
8.	Were written or electronic records kept to track the activity or numbers of weeds, insects, or diseases?.....	623
	Yes=1 No=3	
9.	Was scouting data compared to published information on infestation thresholds to determine when to take measures to manage pests?.....	624
	Yes=1 No=3	
10.	Was field mapping data used for making pest management decisions?.....	625
	Yes=1 No=3	
11.	Were the services of a diagnostic laboratory used for pest identification or soil or plant tissue pest analysis?.....	626
	Yes=1 No=3	
12.	Were crop residues plowed down or removed to manage pests?.....	627
	Yes=1 No=3	
13.	Were crops rotated during the past three years for the purpose of managing pests?.....	628
	Yes=1 No=3	
14.	Were ground covers, mulches, or other physical barriers maintained to manage pest problems?...	629
	Yes=1 No=3	
15.	Was a crop variety chosen because it had resistance to a specific pest?.....	630
	Yes=1 No=3	
16.	Was no-till or minimum till used to manage pests?.....	631
	Yes=1 No=3	
17.	Were planting locations planned to avoid infestation of pests?.....	632
	Yes=1 No=3	
18.	Were planting or harvesting dates adjusted to manage pests?.....	633
	Yes=1 No=3	
19.	Were row spacing or plant density adjusted to manage pests?.....	634
	Yes=1 No=3	
20.	Was a trap crop grown to help manage insects?.....	635
	Yes=1 No=3	
21.	Were any beneficial organisms such as insects, nematodes, or fungi applied or released to manage pests?.....	636
	Yes=1 No=3	
22.	Were floral lures, attractant repellants, pheromone traps, or other biological pest controls used on any vegetable acres?.....	637
	Yes=1 No=3	
23.	Were any vegetable acres cultivated for weed control during the growing season?.....	640
	Yes=1 No=3	
24.	Were field edges, lanes, ditches, roadways, or fence lines chopped, mowed, plowed, or burned to manage pests on any vegetable acres?.....	642
	Yes=1 No=3	
25.	Were equipment and implements cleaned after completing field work to reduce the spread of pests?.....	643
	Yes=1 No=3	
26.	Were any vegetable acres irrigated for the 2026 crop?.....	644
	Yes=1 No=3	
[If item 26 = Yes, ask —]		
a.	Were water management practices, excluding chemigation, such as irrigation scheduling, controlled drainage, or treatment of retention water used to manage pests?.....	645
	Yes=1 No=3	

COMPLETION CODE for PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	
1 Incomp/R	500

CONCLUSION

[Enumerator Note: Thank the respondent, then review this questionnaire.]

Office Use Only				
Ending Time (Military)		OR	Total Hours	
Hours	Minutes		Hours	Minutes
Ending time.....	0005	0008		

Record Use

[Did respondent use operation records to report —]

Fertilizer data.....	Yes=1 No=3	Code 026
Pesticide data.....	Yes=1 No=3	064

Contact Information

Operator Email:	Operator Phone:
9929	9917 Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/> () _____ 9918 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone

Operation Email: (if different from above)	Operation Phone: (if different from above)
9937	9920 Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/> () _____ 9936 <input type="checkbox"/> Check if cell phone

Respondent Name:	Respondent Phone (if different from above)
9912	9911 () _____ Check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/> 9910 MM DD YY Date: ____ ____ ____

This completes the survey. The results will be available on the release date at nass.usda.gov/results
Thank you for your help.

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9921	9922	9923	9927	9928	923	9907	922	9906	9916	
Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	POID			
1-Comp 2-R 3-Inac 4-Office Hold		9901 1-Op/Mgr 2-Spouse 3-Acct/Bkpr 4-Partner 9-Other		9902 2-PATI (tel) 3-PAPI (Face-to-Face)		9903 9998		9989		
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