



**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Budget Category	Budget 2006/07	Requested 2007/08	Recommend 2007/08	Change (Col 3-Col 1)
APPROPRIATIONS				
Salaries & Benefits	\$683,130	\$774,866	\$774,866	\$91,736
Svs & Supplies	\$111,431	\$116,603	\$116,603	\$5,172
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cap/Imp Other Finance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cost Reimbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A-87 Charges	\$107,489	\$115,586	\$115,586	\$8,097
Total Appropriations	\$902,050	\$1,007,055	\$1,007,055	\$105,005
REVENUES				
Fed/State Revenue	\$373,550	\$392,514	\$392,514	\$18,964
Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Realignment Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$41,700	\$88,027	\$88,027	\$46,327
Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund	\$486,800	\$526,514	\$526,514	\$39,714
Total Revenues	\$902,050	\$1,007,055	\$1,007,055	\$105,005

Program Descriptions FY 07/08

Environmental Protection

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>
PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT	To protect the public, pesticide applicators, field workers, the environment and agricultural crops from the potential harmful effects of pesticides. This is accomplished through regulating the activities of licensed pest control operators, advisors, pesticide dealers, certified applicators and private applicators, their employees, and other users throughout the county to ensure proper pesticide use. Estimated at 62 % of budget and \$565,575.
PEST MANAGEMENT & PREVENTION	To protect the environment, native and ornamental plantings and the agricultural industry and its access to export markets through exclusion, detection and eradication of significant pests. Accomplished through inspection of incoming shipments at U.S. Postal Service and UPS Distribution Centers and terminal post offices, certification of agricultural products for export, insect trapping programs for quarantine compliance, control of noxious weed pests, detection field surveys Integrated Pest Management and Biological Control and programs. Estimated at 21% of budget and \$189,430.
AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION SERVICES	To provide accurate agricultural production statistics and information to private businesses and governmental agencies and to assist citizens with pest identification and control, including biological control techniques. Assist in agriculturally-related land-use and planning issues. Activities include compilation of Annual Crop Report and crop loss and damage assessments. Provide identification and control practices for pests. Estimated at 3 % of budget and \$27,061.

Consumer Protection

WEIGHING & MEASURING DEVICE ENFORCEMENT	To minimize measurement error in commercial transactions by inspecting and testing all commercial weighing and measuring devices. To remove from service until repaired, those devices which do not meet tolerances and specifications. Program Elements include inspection and testing of all commercial gasoline, diesel fuel, vapor meters and electric meters (not under PUC), commercial electric meters, general use scales and heavy capacity scales (vehicle, hopper and railroad scales) and propane delivery trucks and dispensers and regulation of Device Repairmen activities. Estimated at 9 % of budget and \$81,184.
PETROLEUM & WEIGHMASTER ENFORCEMENT	Assure that sign and advertisements at service stations and other petroleum product outlets are in compliance with the law. Sample petroleum products on a complaint basis and submit to state laboratory for analysis. Enforce Weighmaster laws and regulations. Conduct gas station monitoring and petroleum complaint investigations, Monitor licensed Weighmaster records under state agreement. Estimated at 1% of budget and \$9,000.
PACKAGE QUANTITY CONTROL	Provide that sales of goods, services and commodities, sold directly over weighing or measuring devices or, in packaged form are accurately measured and comply with labeling and methods of sale requirements. Activities include: Retail market inspection, Test Purchases, Undercover purchases, General quantity control, Investigation of firewood complaints and testing of price scanners Estimated at 1% of budget and \$5,000.
FRUIT, VEGETABLE, & EGG QUANTITY CONTROL	To ensure the consumer is offered fresh, healthy properly labeled, and packaged agricultural commodities through enforcement of State standards pertaining to fruits, nuts, vegetables, honey, and eggs sold at wholesale and retail outlets throughout Yuba County. Program Elements are: Wholesale and retail produce & egg inspection, Growing-grounds verification for issuing Certified Producer Certificates. Monitoring Certified Farmer Markets and Registration of Organic growers. Estimated at 1% of budget and \$17,000.
NURSERY INSPECTION	To provide consumers with pest-free nursery stock and to provide agriculture with graded and standardized products by inspecting incoming and locally produced nursery stock. Program Elements: wholesale inspection of producing nurseries Periodic inspection of retail nurseries. Estimated at 1% of budget and \$7,300.
SEED INSPECTION	To provide good quality seed for agricultural and home use which is properly tested and labeled ensuring that seed meets germination and purity standards and is free from harmful weed seeds. Program Elements: Wholesale and retail seed inspection, Maintenance of seed purity and germination standards. Estimated at 1% of budget and \$500.

Miscellaneous Programs

- ✓ Serve on County Technology Review Committee
- ✓ Serve as Planning Chief for County Emergency Response Plan
- ✓ Statewide Natural Resources Protection, Food Safety and Ag. Security Committees for California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer Association and Sacramento Valley Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association.
- ✓ Serve on the West Nile Task Force.
- ✓ Serve as an advisor to the Yuba Sutter Butte Sub-Water Quality Coalition.

Workload Indicators	FY2006-2007	FY 2007-2008 Estimated
Permits and Certifications	400	400
Notices of Intent	1,050	1,100
Pesticide Use Reports	10,500	10,500
PUE Inspections and Investigations	400	400
PUE Compliance & Enforcement Actions	20	30
Quarantine Shipments/Packages Inspected	30,000	30,500
Notices of Rejection	20	20
Significant Pest Interceptions	8	10
Devices Registered/Tested	1,680	1,700

Major Accomplishments FY 2006/07

- ✓ Commissioner's Staff concluded a large scale pesticide drift case involving several different properties. The case has been turned over to the Yuba County District Attorneys Office for resolution.
- ✓ With approval of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioner administered the Federal Forestry Reserve Payment (HR 2389) Forest Reserve Payment, Title III projects.
- ✓ Biologists worked with IT, Merced and Glenn County pesticide enforcement staff and GIS specialists to develop the new version of the Ag GIS pesticide permitting program. The system once brought online will be offered to 26 counties.
- ✓ Worked with Department of Pesticide Regulation and Agricultural Industry to develop the new Pesticide Enforcement Response Plan and accompanying regulations to increase the department's pesticide enforcement program.
- ✓ Worked with the California Rice Commission and Regional Water Board to develop and implement the 2007 Rice Pesticide Program.
- ✓ Commissioner's Office staff participated on West Nile Virus task force and other groups formed to protect the citizens and property in Yuba County.
- ✓ USDA Wildlife Services Specialist included in this budget unit worked with county public works department and county residents to improve water drainage and flood control in various locations throughout the county.
- ✓ Submitted multiple crop loss estimates and requests for disaster designation to State Office of Emergency Services. Obtained disaster declarations for several weather related events which negatively impacted agricultural production.
- ✓ Worked with area growers to address water quality issues and represented the county on the Yuba-Sutter-Butte Sub-watershed Coalition a non-profit group and the Sacramento River Water Quality Coalition to implement the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Agricultural lands.
- ✓ As a member of CACASA worked to secure additional distribution of unclaimed gas tax funds for agricultural programs and Pesticide Mill Assessment funds for pesticide regulatory programs.
- ✓ Obtained Board of Supervisor's approval and implemented new Weights and Measures Device Registration Program fees to more equitably fund the county inspection program.
- ✓ Implemented tablet PC reporting program which allows for field PC data entry and reporting.
- ✓ Commissioner selected to serve on the County Administrator's Work Force Planning Committee.

Major Goals and Objectives FY 2007/08

- ✓ Continue support of department staff working with county IT staff, other counties and the Department of Pesticide Regulation to design and implement a new Ag GIS computerized pesticide permit, notice of intent and use reporting program.
- ✓ To secure software and equipment to digitize field report forms, train staff and continue implementation of the electronic inspection report program.
- ✓ Work with Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Yuba County Resource Conservation District and others to develop a Yuba Sutter Farm Trails map highlighting agricultural production of local growers, roadside retail sales locations, farmers market and related agricultural enterprises.
- ✓ Serve on the Yuba County “Strike Team” , the West Nile Virus Task Force and other groups intended to prepare for and provide for the safety of the citizens of Yuba County during countywide emergencies. Continue working through CACASA to negotiate increased funding through the unclaimed gas tax distribution and the Pesticide Mill Assessment as well as federal funding for priority pest detection programs.
- ✓ Administer the remaining Federal Forestry Reserve Payment (HR 2389) Title III funds to implement programs approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- ✓ Continue working with area growers to address agriculturally related water quality issues and to represent Yuba County on the Sacramento River Water Quality and the Butte-Sutter-Yuba Sub-watershed Coalitions.
- ✓ Staff to assist newly appointed Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to continue enforcing agricultural and weights and measures laws and regulation.
- ✓ Serve as a resource to the Board of Supervisor during the updating of the County’s General Plan.