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## Updates and Information for August 2018

### Bee Updates

The counties will soon be upgrading our bee efforts in regards to registration and mapping. AB 2468 (Bee Where) a sponsored bill by CACASA and supported by CAPCA is well on its way to being passed. This bill will give the counties registration civil penalty authority and a statewide mapping application. We are currently working CAPCA and our state partners to create the App and are very excited at the endless possibilities that will be afforded to all parties involved. CDFA is also finalizing county workplans on "Bee Safe". This is a program is being revamped out of the State budget to support bee activities in all counties in the state i.e. colony strength, registration, complaints, etc.

### Cannabis

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation is offering funding to counties for outreach and pesticide use training to the cannabis industry. Growers who want to use pesticides will have to be compliant with the laws and regulations pertaining to pesticides. The Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is planning to host several workshops in the coming weeks that will focus on the laws and regulations pertaining to pesticide use. We plan on having workshops in the Coachella Valley and in San Jacinto. Once scheduled, the dates and locations of the workshops will be posted on our website (<http://www.rivcoawm.org/>). If you have any questions regarding cannabis, please give us a call.

### Neonicotinoid and Chlorpyrifos

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has completed a risk determination for products containing the neonicotinoid active ingredients, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, clothianidin, and dinotefuran. The neonicotinoid risk determination report is available on DPR's Web site at

<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/neonicotinoids.htm>.

DPR has finalized its risk assessment for Chlorpyrifos for the The Scientific Review Panel (SRP) as required by state law. The SRP is finishing up its process to review chlorpyrifos as a Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) and issue findings. Once this is finished and determined to be a TAC, DPR will begin a rulemaking process to list Chlorpyrifos as a TAC in regulation as required by state law. In addition, DPR will determine if human health risks associated with the use of chlorpyrifos need to be mitigated. DPR is required by state law to mitigate those risks within two years.

### Riverside County Crop Report

Where are wine grapes in Riverside County? How have crop values changed over five years? And did county fish farmers actually raise \$3.6 million worth of tilapia in 2017?

An innovative, online version of the county Agricultural Commissioner's annual crop report answers those questions and many more. The new tool pairs geographic information system (GIS) technology with statistical data about crops grown countywide. Maps, tables and other graphics help everyone from farmers to the simply curious understand more about agriculture's importance in Riverside County. Users can locate crops grown in specific areas, the values of individual crops and more.

Take a look at the interactive report at

<https://countyofriverside.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=4902f82d598b4b8182b87a3c0a5867aa>.

The complete report in PDF format is available at

<http://www.rivcoawm.org/Portals/0/2017%20crop%20report%20preview.pdf?ver=2018-06-26-113123-757>

