

California Agriculture

California is the top agricultural producer in the United States. Our State produces over 400 different commodities, which account for about half of the US grown fruit, nuts, and vegetables, many of which are only grown in California. Some of the fruits and vegetables you may have eaten today, either fresh or in a processed product, likely originated from California.

California Quarantines

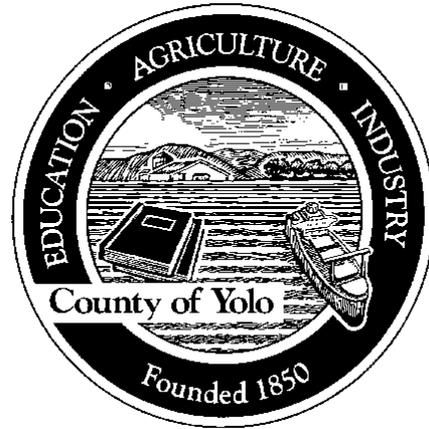
Exotic pests pose a threat to agriculture in both Sacramento County and across California. On average, a new pest is introduced into California every 60 days. Each year, these insects and diseases cost our state's agricultural industry approximately \$3 billion in control costs, crop losses, and in export losses due to restrictions.

Please Help Keep California Pest Free!

For more information:

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Sacramento/Yolo Parcel Inspection K-9 Team



 **DOZER**



County of Yolo Parcel Inspection Canine Team

Yolo County's Quarantine Exclusion Program

In cooperation with Sacramento County, Yolo County has a detector dog team inspecting packages at parcel delivery facilities. Many packages of agricultural products are sent in unmarked packages and the only way we know they contain agricultural products is to employ a powerful nose.

Our detector canine, "Dozer", is a brown Labrador/Chesapeake mix. Dozer is trained to inspect parcels and to detect the presence of agricultural products.

Dozer will scratch at parcels to alert his handler that the package contains agricultural products. The package is then inspected by a biologist to determine if the agricultural products are allowed into California.

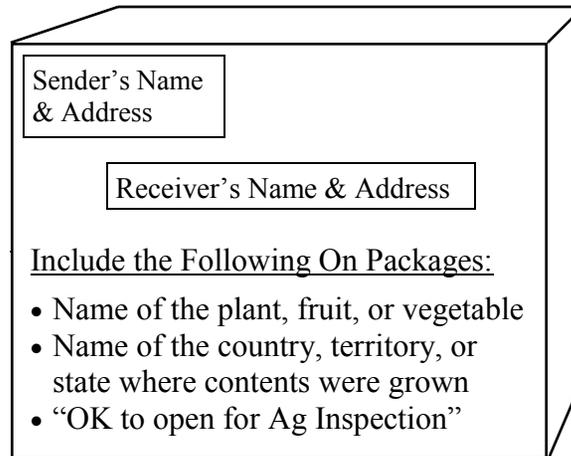


K-9 Dozer with an unmarked package of Mangoes

Why was my parcel rejected?

Packages of agricultural products (plants, seeds, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, etc.) can harbor insects, diseases, invasive weeds, and other harmful organisms that can pose a threat to California's agriculture and native plants and animals. Your package could have been rejected for several reasons:

- 1) We detected a live pest or harmful organism.
- 2) The shipment had the potential to carry a disease or harmful organism and did not have the required documentation or certification to enter California.
- 3) The package did not have the required markings on the outside of the package identifying the name of the plant, fruit, or vegetable, and where the contents were grown.



What happens if my package is rejected?

If an agricultural product is rejected at a freight or mail facility, a Notice of Rejection will be mailed to the sender and receiver.

If you received a Notice of Rejection for "Markings", we inspected the agricultural products in your package. If no pests or quarantine violations were found, your package was allowed to continue to destination.

Rejected packages are usually destroyed or, in some cases, may be allowed to be returned to the shipper at their expense.

How You Can Help!

Please do not send any backyard-grown fruit or vegetables! Fruit flies can lay their eggs inside fruit and vegetables and sometimes the fruit looks good on the outside, but could have an egg or maggot inside the fruit hitchhiking to California!



If you would like to send commercially grown produce or plants, please check California's quarantines to see if it can enter.

You can either call the destination County where you will be sending your agricultural products or you can visit California Department of Food and Agriculture's website at:

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/>