The mission of the Agriculture & Cooperative Extension department is to improve and protect agriculture, natural resources, and the quality of life in Santa Barbara County. The Agricultural Commissioner & Cooperative Extension Office is primarily responsible for protection of the agricultural industry and the citizens of Santa Barbara County in the areas of pest prevention, pesticide enforcement, and resource protection. The department ensures consumer protection and equity in the marketplace through weight verification in testing of scales in grocery stores, farmer’s markets, as well as testing truck scales and gasoline pumps for accuracy. The department also provides research and educational programs for county residents through Cooperative Extension programs.

The department has 33.2 FTE staff with operations in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Carpenteria and Solvang. Agriculture & Cooperative Extension has three cost centers, as described below.

Agricultural Commissioner
The department protects California agriculture and facilitates the safe and legal movement of plants, locally and internationally. Certain programs under this cost center function to help provide equity in the marketplace and ensure that the consumer is receiving full and fair measurements. Pest prevention is responsible for protecting agriculture, cities, and native habitats from pests foreign to Santa Barbara County. In addition, other programs protect the public and the environment by ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing pesticide use.

Cooperative Extension
The University of California Cooperative Extension is an education and research organization which serves the general public. Programs and information are available in the areas of crop production, livestock and range management, organic farming, soils and water, soil fertility management, pest management, foods and nutrition, farm safety, family relations, economics, food handling and safety, youth development, and marine sciences. Seven farm and home advisors, employed by the university, plus support staff, provide services in Santa Barbara County.

Agricultural Advisory Committee
The Committee provides advice to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and County departments on a variety of agriculturally-related issues such as land use, economics, and export trade and housing.

**AGRICULTURE & COOPERATIVE EXTENSION KEY TREND ANALYSIS**

The number of plant inspections are contingent upon the number of plant shipments that require inspection. There has been a significant increase of plant shipments coming into Santa Barbara County since FY 1999-2000. The number of FY 2008-2009 inspections is estimated.

The number of pesticide application inspections declined in FY 2006-2007 due to a high turnover rate for biologists. As the department trains new staff, the number of pesticide application inspections increases, as seen in FY 2007-2008 and beyond.
**Sub-Divn 01: Administration**

**Obj:** Provides clerical and executive support, as well as information technology.

- **Program 1000**
  - Administration
  - **Budget:** $597,9K / $383.4K
  - **FTE:** 4.2

**Sub-Divn 02: Pest Prevention**

**Obj:** Protects agriculture, cities, suburbs and native habitats from pests foreign to Santa Barbara County.

- **Program 2000**
  - Pest Prevention
  - **Budget:** $1,4M / $383.4K
  - **FTE:** 11.4

**Sub-Divn 03: Weights and Measures**

**Obj:** Administers programs to ensure fairness to consumers and merchants for products that are sold by weight, measure, count or time.

- **Program 3000**
  - Weights and Measures
  - **Budget:** $327.4K / $244.5K
  - **FTE:** 3.1

**Sub-Divn 04: Pesticide Enforcement**

**Obj:** Permits, monitors, and investigates pesticide use and ensures proper disposal of pesticides.

- **Program 4000**
  - Pesticide Enforcement
  - **Budget:** $1.2M / $274.2K
  - **FTE:** 10.8

**Sub-Divn 05: Resource Protection**

**Obj:** Protects and replants oak trees and coordinates with P&D on issues related to agriculture.

- **Program 6000**
  - Oak Tree Protection
  - **Budget:** $105.4K / $105.4K
  - **FTE:** 1.0

**Sub-Divn 06: Agriculture**

**Obj:** Commissioner

- **Program 7000**
  - Agricultural Planning
  - **Budget:** $21.4K / $21.4K
  - **FTE:** 0.1

**Maintenance & Coordination**

- Help protect California agriculture and facilitate the safe and legal movement of plants, locally and internationally by inspecting 100% of the approximate 1.5 producer nurseries once a year for pest cleanliness.

- Test 100% of an estimated 4,600 commercial scales, meters and gas pumps to ensure the consumer is receiving full and fair measure.

- Test 100% of an estimated 1,070 privately owned gas and electric meters to verify that residents of mobile home parks are correctly charged for gas and electricity.

- Conduct inspections of 100% of an estimated 35,000 incoming plant material to verify compliance with applicable regulations and protect California agriculture and the environment.

- Inspect approximately 600 pesticide applications as required by the State Department of Pesticide Regulation.

- Complete investigations into pesticide related illnesses and public complaints to protect workers, neighbors and the environment.

- Issue permits for all commercial agricultural pesticide use in Santa Barbara County.

**Enable growers in Santa Barbara County to export plant material to other states and countries by inspecting and certifying that 100% of an estimated 5,500 plant shipments are free from pests and meet entry requirements.

- Ensure that 100% of shipments of exported plant material are not rejected or delayed due to errors by the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Divn 02 - Cooperative Extension

- Program 5000
  - $238.0K / $238.0K
  - FTE: 2.6

Object: Research organization that provides information to the public regarding agriculture issues.

Sub-Divn 01: Cooperative Extension

- Program 5000
  - $238.0K / $238.0K
  - FTE: 2.6

Object: Research organization that provides information to the public regarding agriculture issues.

Program 8000

- $4.0K / $100.0K
- FTE: 0.0

Object: Provide advice on a variety of agriculture-related matters.

NOTE: This cost center is for fiscal tracking purposes only.

Cooperative Extension Program 5000

- Provide nutrition education to an estimated 4,500 low-income families in Santa Barbara County.

- Maintain the total number of an estimated 1,850 youth participants in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Divn 03 - Agricultural Advisory Committee

- Program 8000
  - $4.0K / $100.0K
  - FTE: 0.0

Object: Provide advice on a variety of agriculture-related matters.

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