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Beyond Ready: The Leaders Who Make 4-H Strong

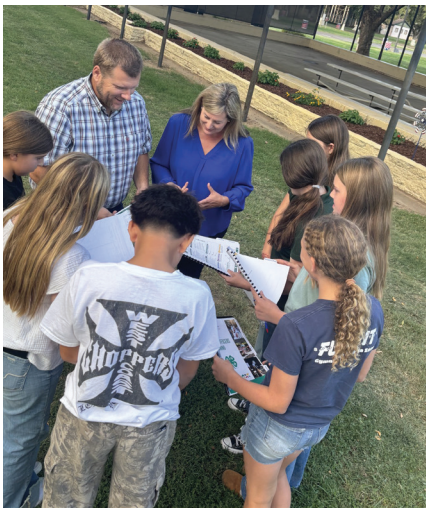
Submitted by Sutter-Yuba UCCE

National 4-H Week, October 4–10, 2026, is a time to celebrate the young people, families, volunteers, and communities that make 4-H possible. This year's theme, "Beyond Ready," reflects what 4-H has always worked to develop in young people: the confidence, skills, character, and resilience to take on whatever comes next.

Across Sutter and Yuba Counties, 4-H provides young people with opportunities to learn by doing, develop leadership skills, explore agriculture and other areas of interest, and become active members of their communities. While youth are at the heart of 4-H, strong clubs depend on dedicated adult volunteers who give their time, knowledge, and energy to help young people succeed.

One example is Jill LeVake, a longtime 4-H volunteer and agricultural professional. Jill brings nearly 30 years of experience in sales, marketing, and government affairs with Corteva Agriscience to her work supporting youth and agricultural education. Her commitment to 4-H, however, goes far beyond her professional expertise.

Jill serves as the Franklin 4-H Club Leader, Sheep Project Leader, and Dog Project Leader. She also serves as Chair of the County 4-H Fashion Revue Committee and regularly volunteers her time to support countywide 4-H events and activities. Jill is always willing to step up, lend a hand, share her knowledge, or simply be there when help is needed.



Jill LeVake (center) works with 4-H members. Photo courtesy of Sutter-Yuba UCCE



Jill LeVake (far right). Photo courtesy of Sutter-Yuba UCCE

Her dedication demonstrates the important role volunteers play in building strong 4-H clubs. Club leaders create a welcoming environment where young people can develop friendships, discover new interests, practice leadership, and gain confidence. Project leaders help youth turn their interests into hands-on learning experiences. Volunteers who support county events help connect individual clubs into a larger 4-H community.

For Jill, 4-H is also a family commitment. Jill, her husband Daniel, and their three children—Reed, Eva, and Claire—have remained actively involved in 4-H and FFA through livestock projects, leadership development, and agricultural education. Their involvement reflects the lasting impact that 4-H can have on families and communities.

At its core, 4-H encourages young people to develop their Head, Heart, Hands, and Health—preparing them not just to be ready for the future, but to go Beyond Ready. Through hands-on experiences, supportive relationships, and opportunities to lead, 4-H helps young people discover what they can accomplish.

Leaders like Jill make that possible. Their willingness to volunteer, encourage, teach, and show up for young people helps create strong clubs and supportive communities where youth can thrive.

During National 4-H Week, we celebrate our members and recognize the volunteers who make their experiences possible. Together, they continue the 4-H tradition of "Making the Best Better"—one young person, one club, and one community at a time.

Interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or learning more about 4-H? Contact the Sutter-Yuba 4-H Office at 530-822-7515.

Sutter County's First Female Ag Commissioner Lisa Herbert Retires From 28-year Career

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures Lisa Herbert officially retired on September 4, 2026, capping her career at Sutter County with 28 dedicated years of service, the last decade of which was as the County's Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Lisa started her career with Sutter County as an Ag Biologist in April of 1998 and rose through the ranks to eventually serve as a supervising biologist, then as an assistant director of weights and measures before her appointment as the Ag Commissioner in February 2016. The first female Ag Commissioner in Sutter County's history, Herbert has been a tenacious advocate for agriculture locally and abroad, working side-by-side with the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau on many issues of local impact to our farmers and ranchers.

A graduate of Live Oak High School, Herbert spent her early years of employment working for local veterinarian Jerry D. Long DVM of Country Vet Clinic, while putting herself through college. She attended Yuba College before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in environmental studies from California State University, Sacramento, in 1995.



A favorite memory - Rice Harvest at Montna Farms. Photo courtesy of: Lisa Herbert

While widely known throughout the local community, what many people may not realize is that the reach of her leadership went far beyond the Yuba-Sutter region. Herbert's influence on agricultural policy was impactful at the state and national level as well. She served on the leadership board with the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA), including as secretary, vice president of agriculture, president-elect, and president in 2023-24. She also participated in multiple delegation trips to Washington DC to advocate on behalf of California agriculture.

Herbert's service also included several committee roles with the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, including the Fund for Ag Education Scholarship Committee, the nominating committee, and helping us grow our annual Spray Safe event. She was also a frequent participant in the Land Use committee meetings and provided insight from the regulatory perspective. Lisa was committed to attending our board meetings to ensure the Farm Bureau was informed and had a voice in policy and regulations. In addition to this local participation, Lisa was active in several state-level agricultural policy and advisory groups, including the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Industrial Hemp Advisory Board and Market Enforcement Committee. She is also well known for her zealous representation of agriculture to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.


Retired Sutter County Ag Commissioner Lisa Herbert, Cover Photo Courtesy of Sutter County

In the county's recent press release on Lisa's retirement, she was quoted as saying "One of the most meaningful parts of my career has been building strong relationships locally with growers and the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, as well as developing lasting collaborations and partnerships with fellow department heads, dedicated staff across the organization, and the exceptional team within my own department. These relationships have been essential to advancing, protecting, and supporting our agricultural community, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, cooperation and friendships that have developed along the way.

Several YS Farm Bureau representatives were honored to attend retirement celebrations for Lisa, at which there were no shortage of accolades shared by other agricultural commissioners and ag professionals from across the north state, as well as others whose lives had intersected with Herbert throughout her career. A common theme among them all was the respected leadership and support from Herbert over the years, and it was clear that she was a substantial influence in many careers along the way. Conversely, Herbert proudly acknowledged her team at the Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner office, saying they deserved high praise for their hard work and contributions to the success of her tenure and that the future of the office remained in good hands.

Upon her retirement, the Sutter County Board of Supervisors appointed Assistant Ag commissioner Nicolas Oliver to serve as Interim Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures while the county recruits for a permanent successor.

Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau President Brian Greathouse shared with us his thoughts on Herbert's retirement, saying "Lisa's job wasn't always an easy one. A lot of times, she was the one who had to share news growers didn't want to hear or enforce regulations that could change how we operate. Whether it was regulation updates, policies around nutria, hemp, the glassy-winged sharpshooter, or any number of other issues, Lisa had a way of giving the bad news while still finding the silver lining and usually bringing some humor. You always knew she was going to be straightforward with you, but you also knew she was working hard behind the scenes to protect agriculture. Lisa has been a fierce advocate for our agricultural community, a trusted partner to Farm Bureau and a true friend to our farmers and ranchers. We are incredibly grateful for her many years of service."

From all of us at the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, we want to thank Lisa for her partnership over the years and for being a good friend of agriculture in this community and state that we call home. Congratulations on your much-deserved retirement and we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life!



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365 Days a Year Beyond the Fair

By Michelle Teagarden Vincent, YS Fairgrounds Marketing and Community Engagement Consultant

A year-round commitment to agriculture, service and community: The Yuba-Sutter Fair brings our region together each June. Its livestock barns, Junior Livestock Auction, horticulture and still exhibits give visitors a close look at the people and work behind local agriculture. Live bands, the carnival and exhibits showcasing the talents of Yuba-Sutter residents make the fair a celebration of the whole community.

Our commitment continues after the four-day fair closes. We are building a Fair & Event Center that welcomes people throughout the year for agricultural education, community gatherings, fundraisers and local traditions.

Community Support in Action: This year, the Yuba-Sutter Fair & Event Center has provided more than $80,000 in donated rental space for community use. Together with the Yuba-Sutter Fair Heritage Foundation, more than $40,000 in cash has been given back to the community. The Fair & Event Center has also made more than 20 gift donations to local causes, helping schools, youth groups and nonprofits raise money and bring neighbors together.

Scholarships awarded to Yuba-Sutter youth are another investment in our region's future. Alongside the fair's livestock and exhibit programs, they recognize young people for their work and help them take their next steps in education and training.

Donated space gives organizations room to serve more people while directing more of their resources toward their missions. We want the fairgrounds to be a practical resource for the communities that sustain it.

A Gathering Place Year-Round: Throughout the year, the fairgrounds hosts community fundraisers, youth activities, agricultural gatherings, cultural celebrations and events serving veterans and families. This year, the fairgrounds also served as a CAL FIRE camp, providing space for hundreds of personnel working in the region. Local partners helped meet the camp's needs with services including temporary fencing and waste collection.

More than 100 Yuba-Sutter businesses partner with the fair and support its community work. Their participation helps make events possible, creates opportunities for young people and keeps the fairgrounds connected to the local economy.



Photo Courtesy of YS Fairgrounds & Event Center

This work takes a dedicated team. Our eight Board members and CEO guide the fair's future, while our staff work together to keep the grounds ready, welcome visitors and build community partnerships.

A Better Welcome Every Day: A year-round fairgrounds needs year-round customer service. We have refreshed the fair office to make it more welcoming. To help the space reflect the people we serve, we invited residents to share photographs of Yuba-Sutter. We received more than 50 local photos, and many are now displayed in the fair office and boardroom.

We are also developing a consistent approach to service, from the front desk to events and community requests. Planned website improvements will make fair information, event opportunities and ways to get involved easier to find.

We are proud that the Yuba-Sutter Fair's work is being considered for several Western Fairs Association awards. The association represents more than 120 fairs across North America, making this an exciting opportunity to share our community's accomplishments with the wider fair industry. Award recipients will be announced at the association's annual conference in Las Vegas in early 2027.

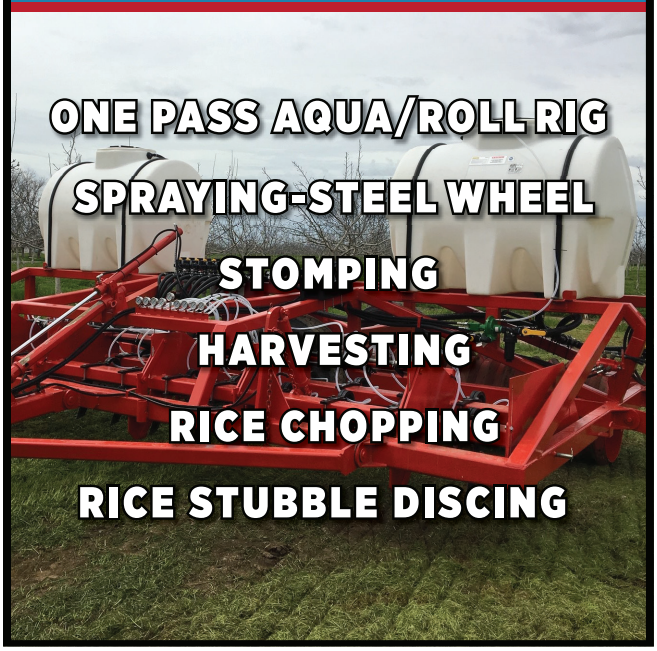
We are also proud to be nominated for a 2026 Bounty of the Counties award from the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation.

Agriculture Is at the Heart of It: For 4-H and FFA exhibitors, livestock projects demand daily care, record keeping and perseverance well before show day. Producers, mentors and auction buyers help turn that work into encouragement and opportunity. At the fair, visitors meet the next generation and learn more about what goes into raising livestock and producing food.

On March 27, 2027, we plan to host a Farm-to-Fork community dinner celebrating local food and supporting youth agricultural programs. The Yuba-Sutter Fair returns June 24–27 with the theme **Bounty of the Counties**, celebrating the crops, livestock, people and businesses that make Yuba and Sutter counties special.

The annual fair is our best-known tradition. What happens between fairs is how we honor it: by opening doors, building relationships and making this a place where our community comes together.

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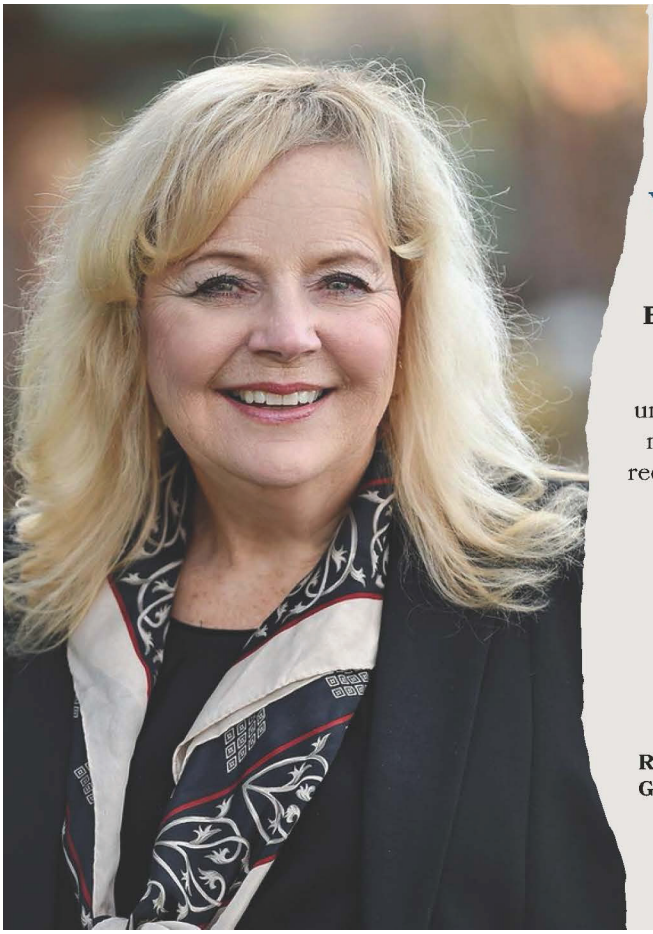
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Preparing for Floods: Is Our Community Ready for El Niño?

By Leslie Williams, YSFB Program Coordinator

As cooler temperatures begin to greet us during this seasonal transition, many of our members are focused on harvests. Along with the frenzy of fall farming operations, we also turn our sights towards winter and the plans for the next cycle in the new year. If we are not talking about commodity prices or concerns about the cost of diesel, we are likely talking about the weather and what to expect in the months to come.

Discussions of weather forecasts and water are certainly common exchanges among our demographics; however, one phrase is finding significant traction this year: El Niño. We have met El Niño before, and its relationship with the mid-valley has been a tumultuous one.

We recently sat down with trusted insurance agent and former Yuba County Supervisor Randy Fletcher to discuss preparing for potential flooding and the costly water damage remediations that an El Niño weather pattern can bring to our homes and businesses. During our visit, we reflected on the Yuba-Sutter area's historical flooding events; sharing our memories of levee breaks, evacuations, and of clients, friends, and family members that experienced devastating losses in 1950, 1955, 1986, and 1997. With several January 1997 issues of the Appeal Democrat newspaper in front of us, we reviewed daily local flood reporting with headlines reading "A Flood of Rage" and "Swamped Again". As our conversation transitioned from remembering the past to planning for the future, Fletcher simply but solemnly said "This potential El Niño, or even what some are calling a Super El Niño, is a grave concern. We cannot control the weather; but we can prepare for it."

Flood insurance is one way to protect your property and finances from costly flood damage. Randy stressed the importance of acquiring flood insurance early in the season, due to most policies requiring a minimum 30-day waiting period before coverage is active. Waiting until the rain begins to fall could be too late to protect your investments. He recommended having your policies in place before November. Fletcher reminded us that it does not take a catastrophic levee break to create a flood hazard that can be tragic for property owners. Heavy sustained rainfall can cause other flooding issues even without a major river incident, such as city pumps not being able to keep up with the rain in city streets and drainage systems. Even inches of high water getting into homes can be an extremely expensive clean up.



Randy Fletcher with January 1997 Appeal-Democrat Flood News. Photo by: YSFB

Fletcher says he sympathizes with property owners over the current rate costs; but urges people to talk to a trusted insurance agent to discuss premium price options for coverage, such as Replacement Value vs. Actual Cash Value policies. Every situation is unique, and an agent can help walk you through the details and get you the most appropriate coverage for your dollar and save you money where they can.

We also reached out to our local Sutter and Yuba County's Offices of Emergency Services (OES) to get their perspective on being prepared for potential floods.

Sutter County OES emphasized that a little preparation before heavy rain and flooding can go a long way toward protecting your family, livestock, equipment, and property. Sutter County OES Manager Zachary Hamill said "Flooding is one of those emergencies where a little preparation can make a huge difference. Knowing your risk, having a family plan, signing up for emergency alerts, and understanding where you would go if you had to evacuate are simple steps everyone can take. This year's National Preparedness Month theme, Americans Stand Ready,

is a good reminder that preparedness starts with each of us. When individuals and families are ready, our entire community is better prepared to respond and recover."

Yuba County OES manager Oscar Marin echoed the same sentiments as Hamill. He also urges Yuba County residents to download the Sentinel by Ladris app-- the one-stop app where you can look at fire cameras, weather advisories, local resources, and more. You can find more info and sign up for Yuba County emergency alerts at BePreparedYuba.org.

Our local OES professionals also provided the following preparedness tips:

- Know where sand and sandbags are available in your area.
- Look at the local base elevation maps (sometimes available on county development services webpages) to get a better idea of where water could impact your property, fields, barns, and roads.
- Know your evacuation routes ahead of time and have a backup route in case rural roads are flooded or closed.
- Think about what may need to be moved to higher ground, including livestock, equipment, vehicles, feed, fuel, chemicals, and other valuable materials.
- Keep a go-bag ready with at least 72 hours of food and water, medications, important documents, flashlights, batteries, phone chargers, clothing, and other necessities.
- Most importantly, do not wait until the water rises to figure out your plan. A little preparation now can save valuable time and help protect the people, animals, and property that keep your operation running.

As the saying attributed to Benjamin Franklin goes, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Despite the occasional daytime highs still flirting with the 90's, one thing is certain, winter is coming. Will it be the potentially hazardous wet winter they are saying El Niño could bring to the Sacramento Valley, or will we avoid for another year the floods that our basin gained its fertile farming ground from? That remains to be seen. But what we do know is that protecting yourself financially with flood insurance ahead of the rain's arrival is a wise investment, as is preparing a plan to protect your property and loved ones.

Thank you to Randy Fletcher of Farm West Insurance, Sutter County OES Manager Zachary Hamill, and Yuba County OES Manager Oscar Marin for their contributions to this article.

Agent Randy Fletcher can be reached at Farm West Insurance Services (530) 741-0441 or at https://www.farmwestins.com/

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President's Corner

By Brian Greathouse, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau President

One of the things I value most about Farm Bureau is our ability to bring people together. Agriculture depends on relationships from planning and planting crops to harvest and distribution. We rely on relationships in the industry and outside of it, including with our neighbors, our communities and the people who represent us at every level of government.


YS Farm Bureau President Brian Greathouse

In August, Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau had the privilege of hosting a Candidate Forum featuring candidates for State Assembly District 3 and Congressional District 4. Bringing all four candidates to our community for the evening and providing a neutral setting for meaningful dialogue was an opportunity we were proud to offer our members and the greater Yuba-Sutter community. Attendees heard directly from the candidates, and community members could submit questions before and during the event about issues important to our region.

Agriculture is such an important part of the Yuba-Sutter community, from supporting the local economy to supporting generations of families. We know that decisions made in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. can impact what happens on our farms and in our communities. Water, labor, trade, regulations, land use, insurance and the cost of doing business are very important issues to us all. They affect the decisions we make every day and whether the next generation will be able to continue farming.

I was encouraged by the information shared at the forum. Each candidate showed that they had knowledge of many of the issues facing agriculture and shared specific ideas they hoped to look into if elected. We may not all agree on every issue or every approach, but having candidates understand agriculture and engage in meaningful conversations about the challenges facing our farmers and ranchers is important.

Events like this are an important part of what Farm Bureau does. We advocate on behalf of agriculture and want to make sure our members have opportunities to be informed and engaged in the decisions affecting our industry and our communities.


YSFB Forum with Ca Assembly District 3 Candidates Belza & Johansson, August 25, 2026

Thank you to the candidates who participated, our moderator Gary Sack, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors for allowing us to use the Board Chambers, the volunteers who helped make the evening possible and everyone who attended. I also want to thank our staff for the work that went into organizing an event that was fair, professional and informative.

If you were unable to attend, or if you would like to the forum again, you can find the recording on the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau YouTube channel.

I am optimistic about the conversations we started that evening and the opportunity to continue building relationships with our elected leaders. Yuba-Sutter agriculture has a strong story to tell, and Farm Bureau will continue making sure our farmers and ranchers have a seat at the table and a strong voice in the conversations that shape the future of our community.





What is the best strategy to manage Botryosphaeria?

By Justin Nay, Integral Ag Services, Durham; From California Farm Bureau



Yuba County Walnuts, Photo by YSFB

Botryosphaeria, or Bot, is a fungal disease in walnuts that causes fruit blanks, darkened and shriveled nuts, dead spurs and twig dieback, all of which can significantly reduce yields if left unmanaged. When an infected peduncle—the stem that bears the fruit—is beside next year's flowers, it can kill two or three flowers, which could produce doubles or triples in good years.

One of the main infection points for Bot is through the husks. When they become infected and remain on the tree during or after harvest, Bot travels into the branch and kills the adjacent flower buds.

Whether the Bot infection enters through pruning wounds or the husk, rachis and then the branch, depending on which Bot species it is, it can continue to grow indefinitely and progressively kill larger sections of wood.

Summer humidity allows some Bot to enter before husk split, particularly in the nuts within the inner canopy that picked up spores over the growing season. Rain during harvest can also create problems with Bot.

Originally, Bot was monitored in the winter by looking at infected spurs with BUDMON, a preseason bud-monitoring test that detects bud infection. Infected wood—a primary source of inoculum—was pruned, removed from the orchard and burned.

Many growers have switched to spray applications at different times of the year. If an early husk-split spray is applied for Bot, it can also help prevent mold if there is a wet harvest. With El Niño conditions expected this year, there is potential for a wetter harvest.

Any of the available fungicides are effective at husk split to help kill latent Bot infections that occurred during the season or at husk split.

Several chemistries are effective against Bot, and resistance hasn't so far been seen, but growers are advised to rotate to prevent resistance.

Spraying at husk split could be a better choice, especially if it's a wet harvest.

Join 4-H in Sutter and Yuba Counties!

By Rene McCrory, 4-H Secretary UC Sutter-Yuba Cooperative Extension

Enrollment is now open! Whether your child loves animals, cooking, art, gardening, leadership, or learning new skills, there is a place for them in Sutter-Yuba 4-H! The Sutter-Yuba 4H office hosted a Kick-Off event on September 20, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds.

4-H helps young people find their spark, build confidence, develop leadership skills, and become independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders. With community clubs throughout Sutter and Yuba Counties, families can choose a club that fits their interests and location.

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Paraquat Registrations Voluntarily Cancelled in California: What Almond Growers Need to Know

By the California Almond Board



Sutter County Almond Harvest. Photo by: YSFB

California almond growers who use paraquat will see the herbicide phased out in the state after pesticide manufacturers voluntarily cancelled registrations for products containing paraquat-dichloride, according to the *California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)*. While the announcement has been described in some places as a ban, DPR's action is more accurately a voluntary cancellation by registrants following the state's reevaluation process.

DPR announced the cancellations on August 10 after the manufacturers chose not to submit additional scientific data requested by the department. The decision starts with a transition period rather than an immediate stop in use, meaning products already in the distribution chain may continue to move through the system under existing rules.

How We Got Here: DPR initiated the reevaluation in November 2024 in response to language passed that year by the State legislature mandating that a review be completed by Jan 1, 2029. Based on that review, DPR asked registrants to provide studies addressing data gaps related to potential human health and ecological concerns. Rather than generating the additional data, manufacturers began cancelling California registrations in April 2026. The final cancellation was completed on August 6.

What It Means for Growers: DPR-licensed pesticide dealers may continue to possess and sell affected paraquat products for up to two years after each product's effective cancellation date. Growers who buy those products, or already have them on hand, may use them until supplies are exhausted. Applicators should continue to treat paraquat like any other restricted-use pesticide by following the label, observing all safety requirements and keeping required application records.

Paraquat's Role in Almond Production: Although paraquat use as a post-emergence herbicide in almonds has declined, it remains an important weed management option for some operations. Its value is tied in part to its alternative mode of action, which can help growers manage weeds that are becoming harder to control with other herbicides. That role may be especially relevant as resistance issues continue to shape orchard weed-management decisions.

Looking Ahead: While some new herbicides are in the registration pipeline, it is uncertain when they will complete the EPA and CDPR registration processes. As remaining paraquat supplies decline, growers who rely on paraquat should begin evaluating alternative chemical and nonchemical weed-control strategies for their orchards. That may include reviewing current herbicide programs, mowing, rotating modes of action where appropriate, and improving application timing that fit individual orchard conditions.

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