

# **Agricultural Entomology in Riverside County 2009 - Today**

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*Making a Difference  
for California*





Canada

United States

Pacific Ocean

Atlantic Ocean

Gulf of Mexico



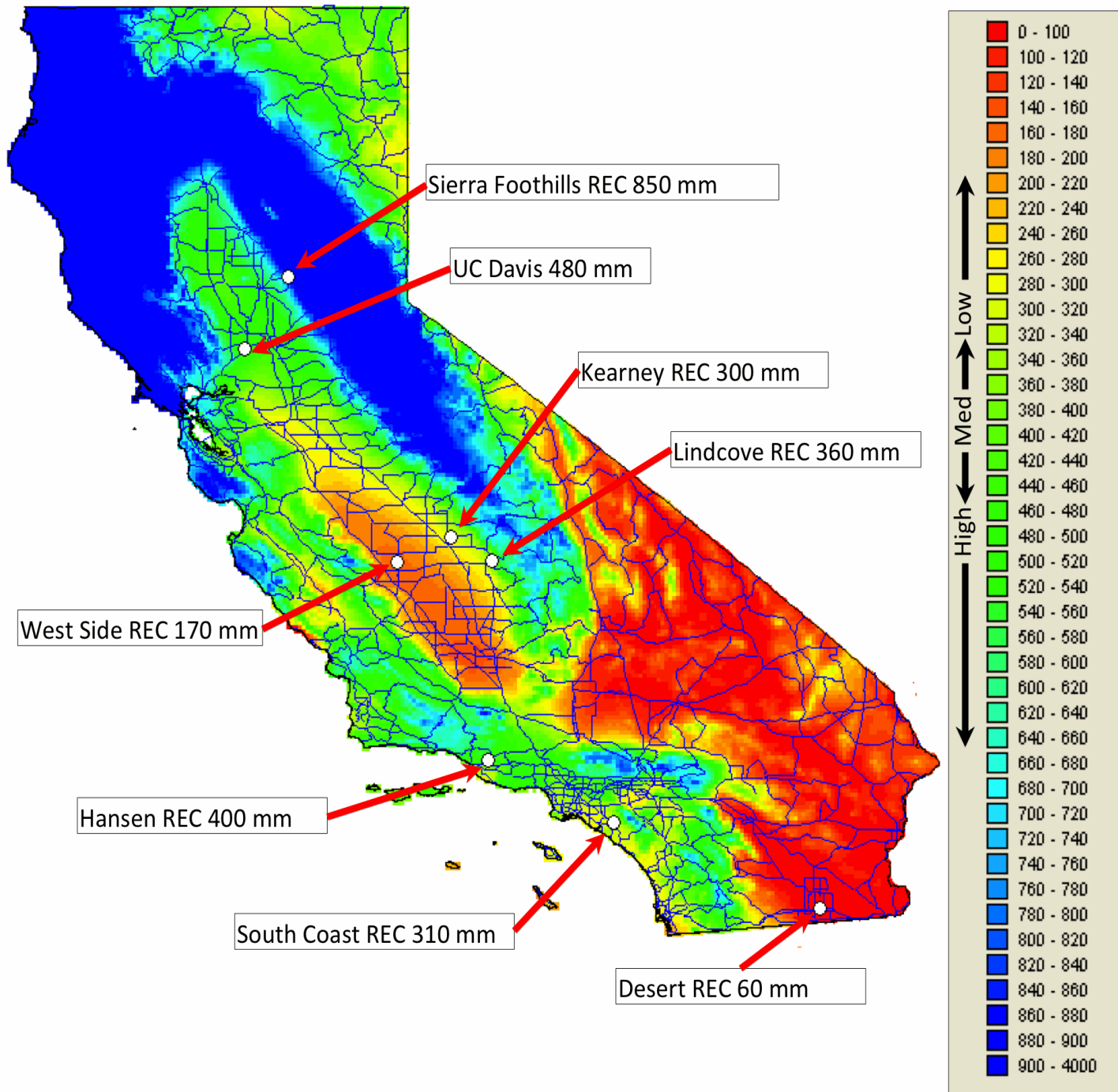


California's agricultural abundance includes more than 400 commodities. The state produces nearly half of **US-grown fruits, nuts and vegetables**. Across the nation, US consumers regularly purchase several crops produced solely in California.

State	Rank	Total Value Billion Dollars
<b>California</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44.7</b>
Iowa	2	31.9
Nebraska	3	24.4
Texas	4	22.7
Minnesota	5	20.0

California's **top-ten valued commodities** – 2013:

- Milk — \$6.9 billion
- Grapes — \$4.449 billion
- Almonds — \$4.347 billion
- Nursery plants — \$3.543 billion
- Cattle, Calves — \$3.299 billion
- Strawberries — \$1.939 billion
- Lettuce — \$1.448 billion
- Walnuts — \$1.349 billion
- Hay — \$1.237 billion
- Tomatoes — \$1.170 billion



# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

September 2, 2014

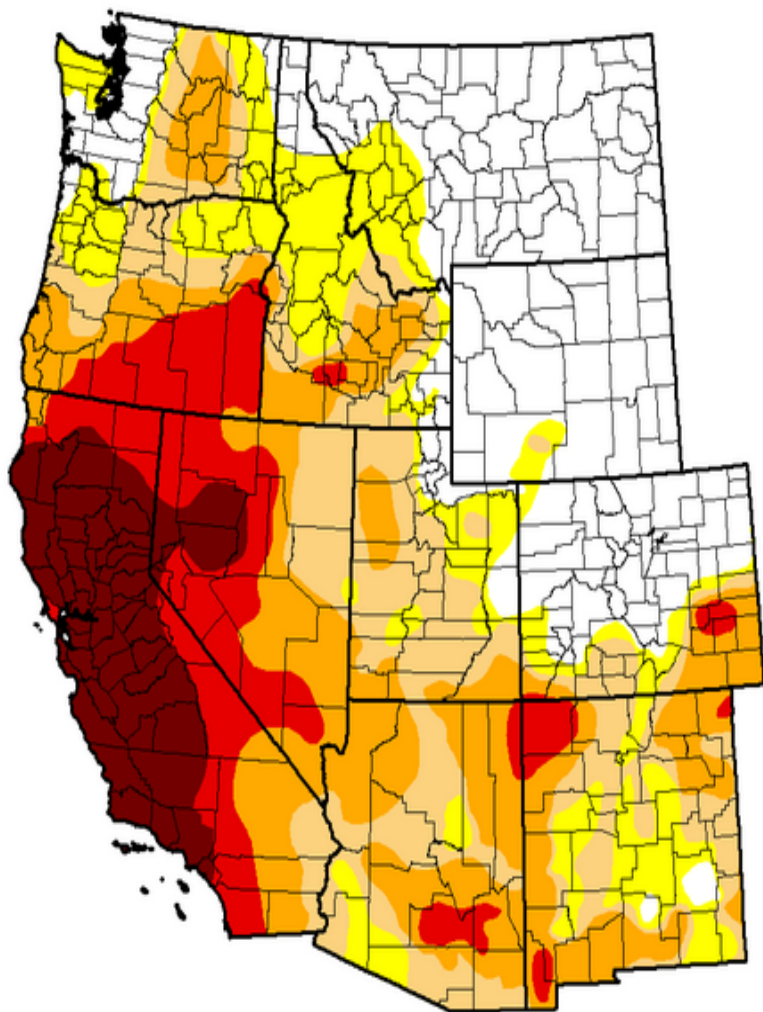
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Statistics type:  Traditional (D0-D4, D1-D4, etc.)  Categorical (D0, D1, etc.)

Drought Condition (Percent Area):


Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<a href="#">2014-09-02</a>	28.38	71.62	57.74	40.04	20.16	8.90
Last Week	<a href="#">2014-08-26</a>	27.50	72.50	58.91	41.45	20.62	8.90
3 Months Ago	<a href="#">2014-06-03</a>	31.84	68.16	60.32	47.21	20.20	4.31
Start of Calendar Year	<a href="#">2013-12-31</a>	22.20	77.80	51.44	31.11	7.75	0.63
Start of Water Year	<a href="#">2013-10-01</a>	25.25	74.75	58.96	34.18	5.57	0.63
One Year Ago	<a href="#">2013-09-03</a>	14.19	85.81	76.15	53.28	16.40	1.83



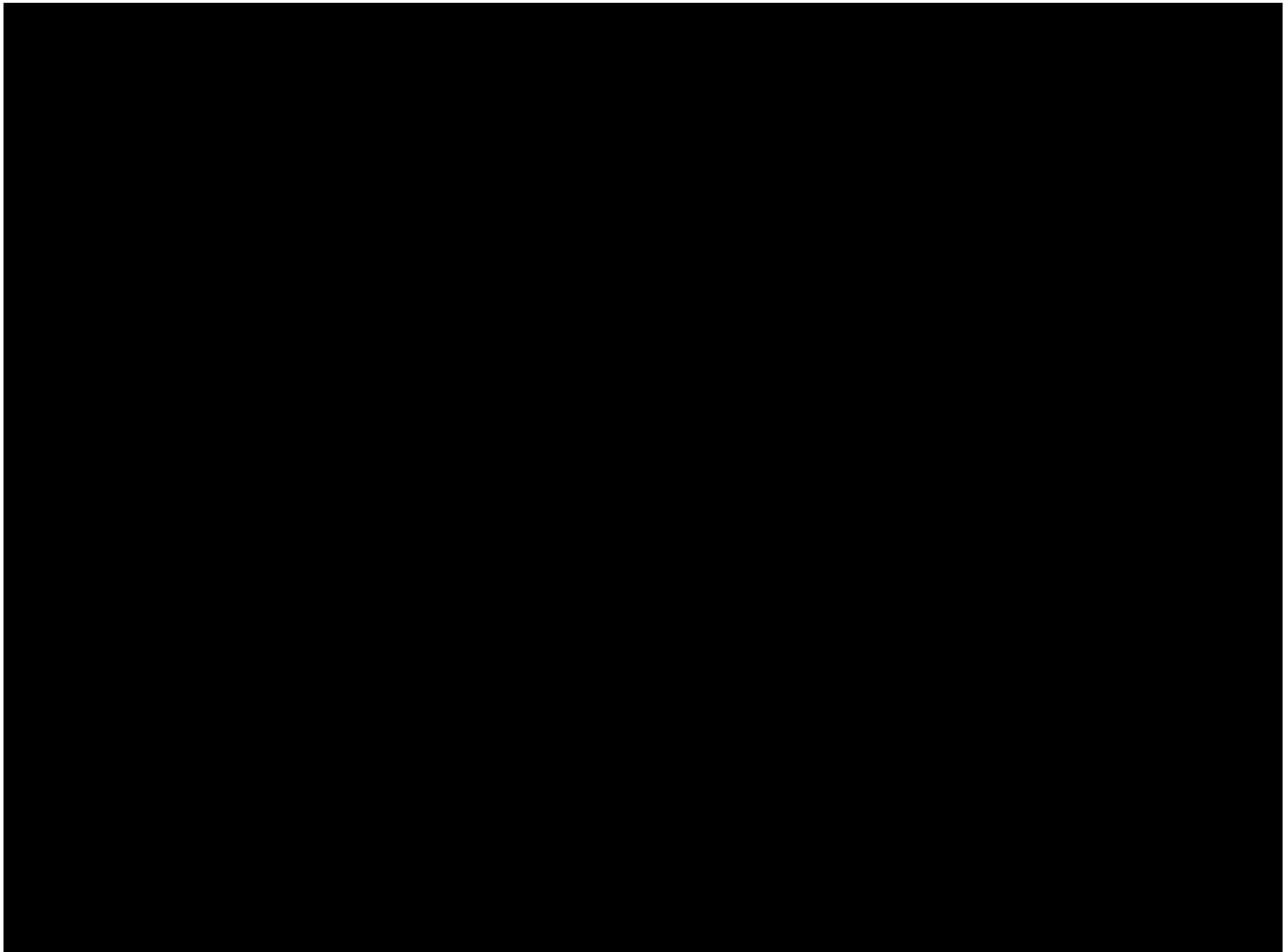
Population Affected by Drought: **51,361,889**

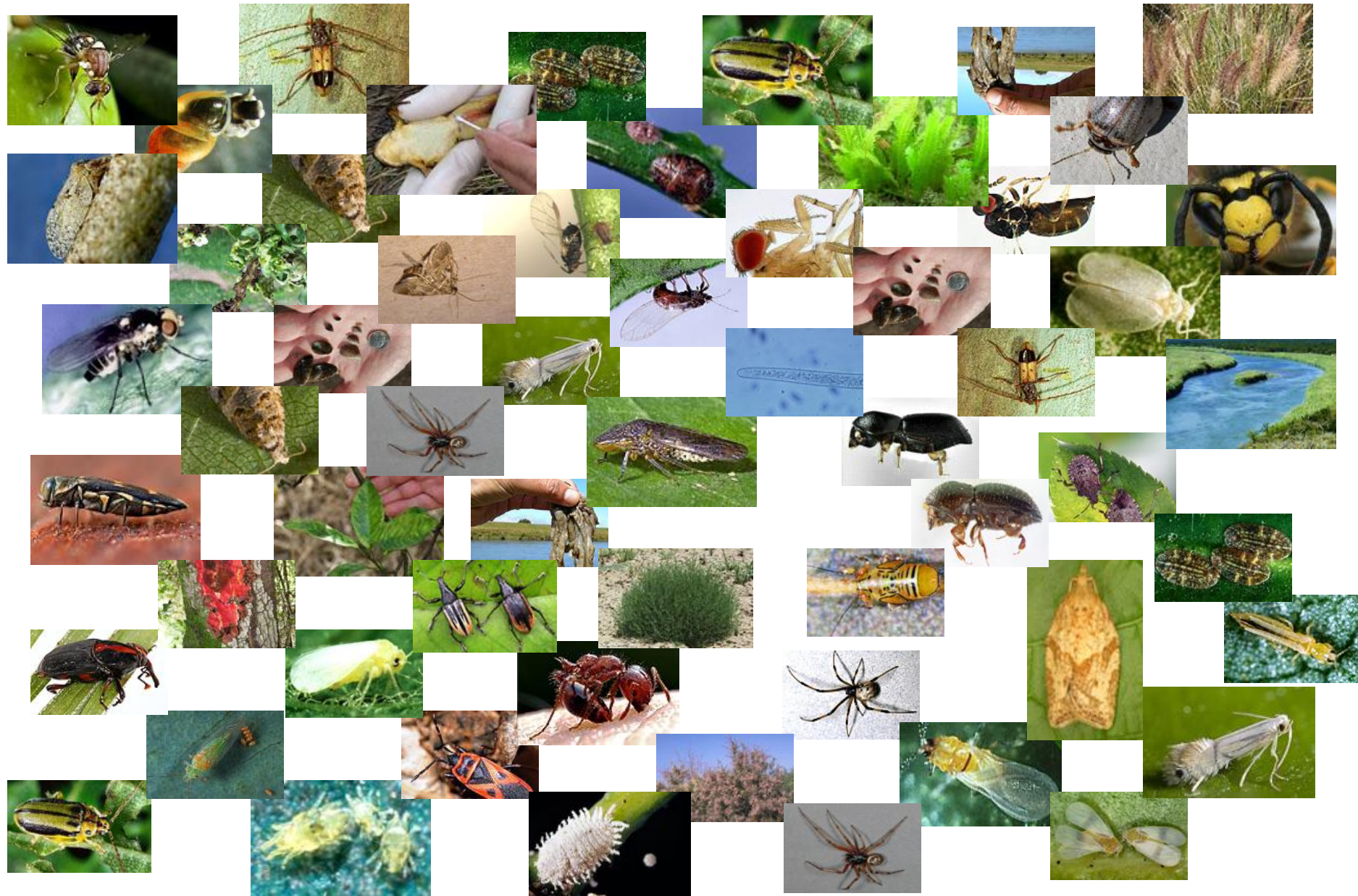
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### Intensity:

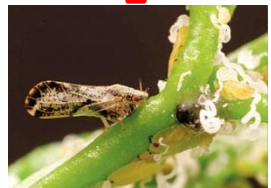
-  D0 - Abnormally Dry
-  D1 - Moderate Drought
-  D2 - Severe Drought
-  D3 - Extreme Drought
-  D4 - Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.





**Invasive Species Complex, an ongoing threat**

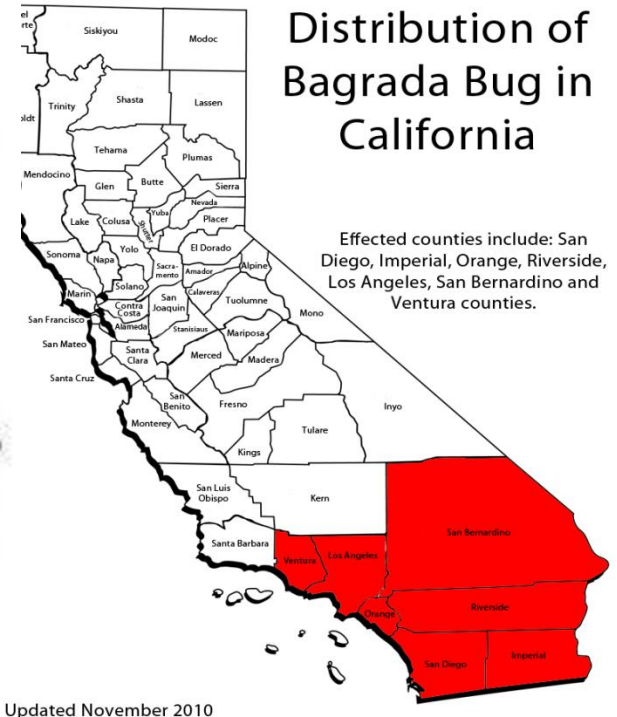


**Invasive species, a problem that starts out local and becomes a regional problem.**

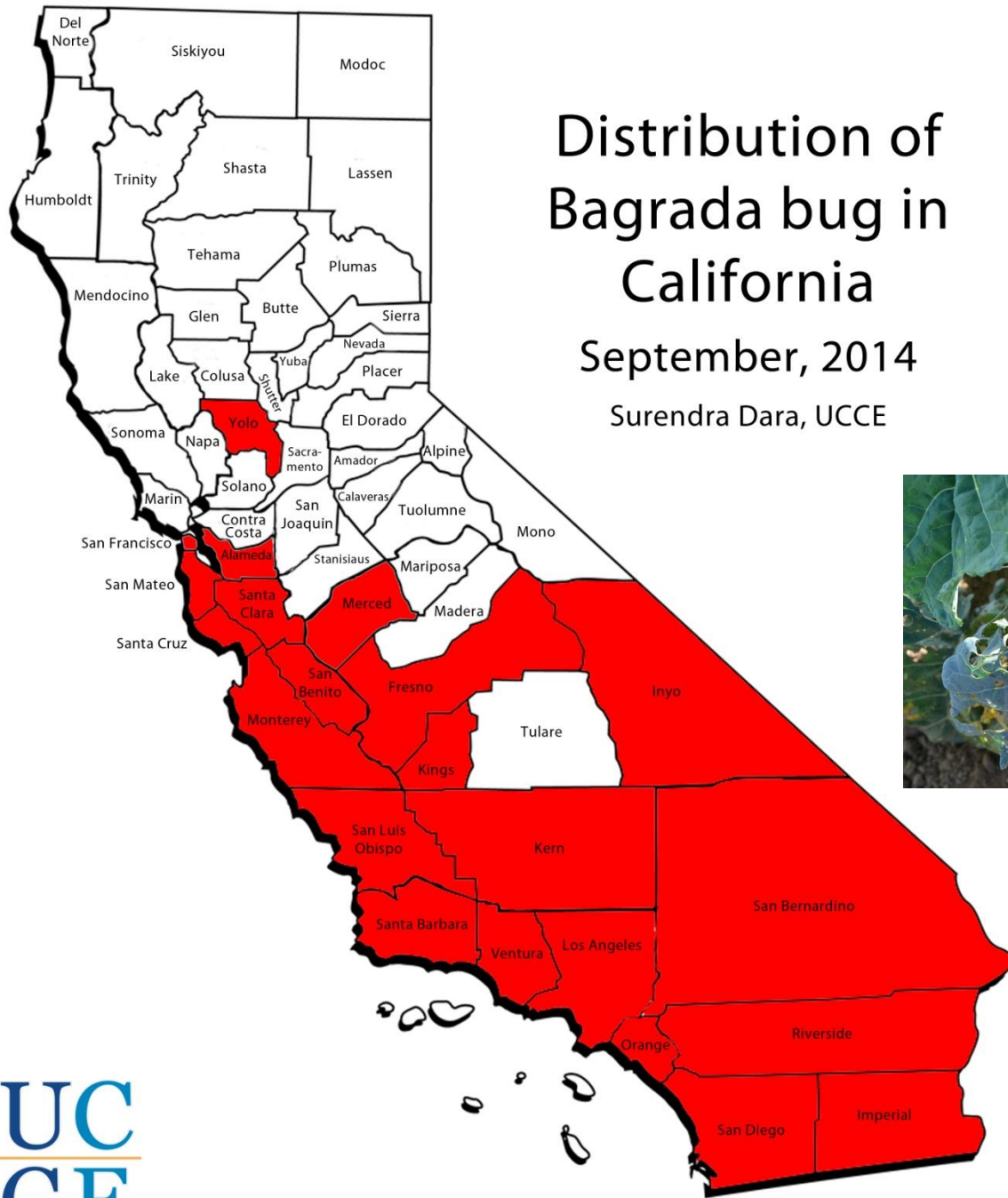


# Bagrada bug

- Area of infestation spreading



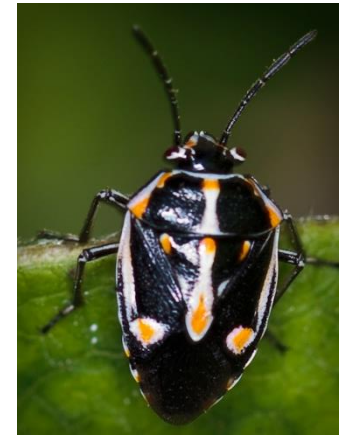
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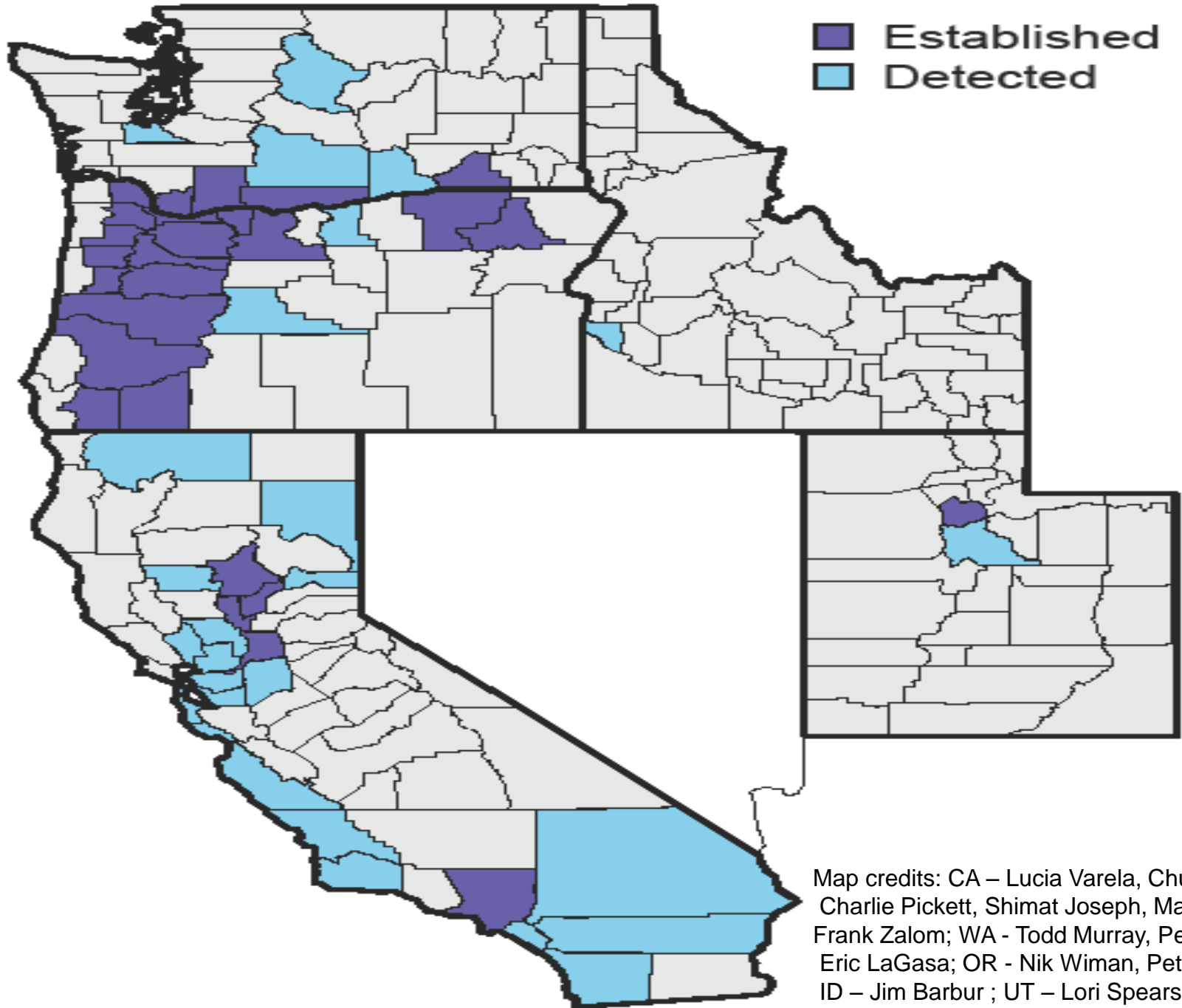


# Distribution of Bagrada bug in California

September, 2014

Surendra Dara, UCCE



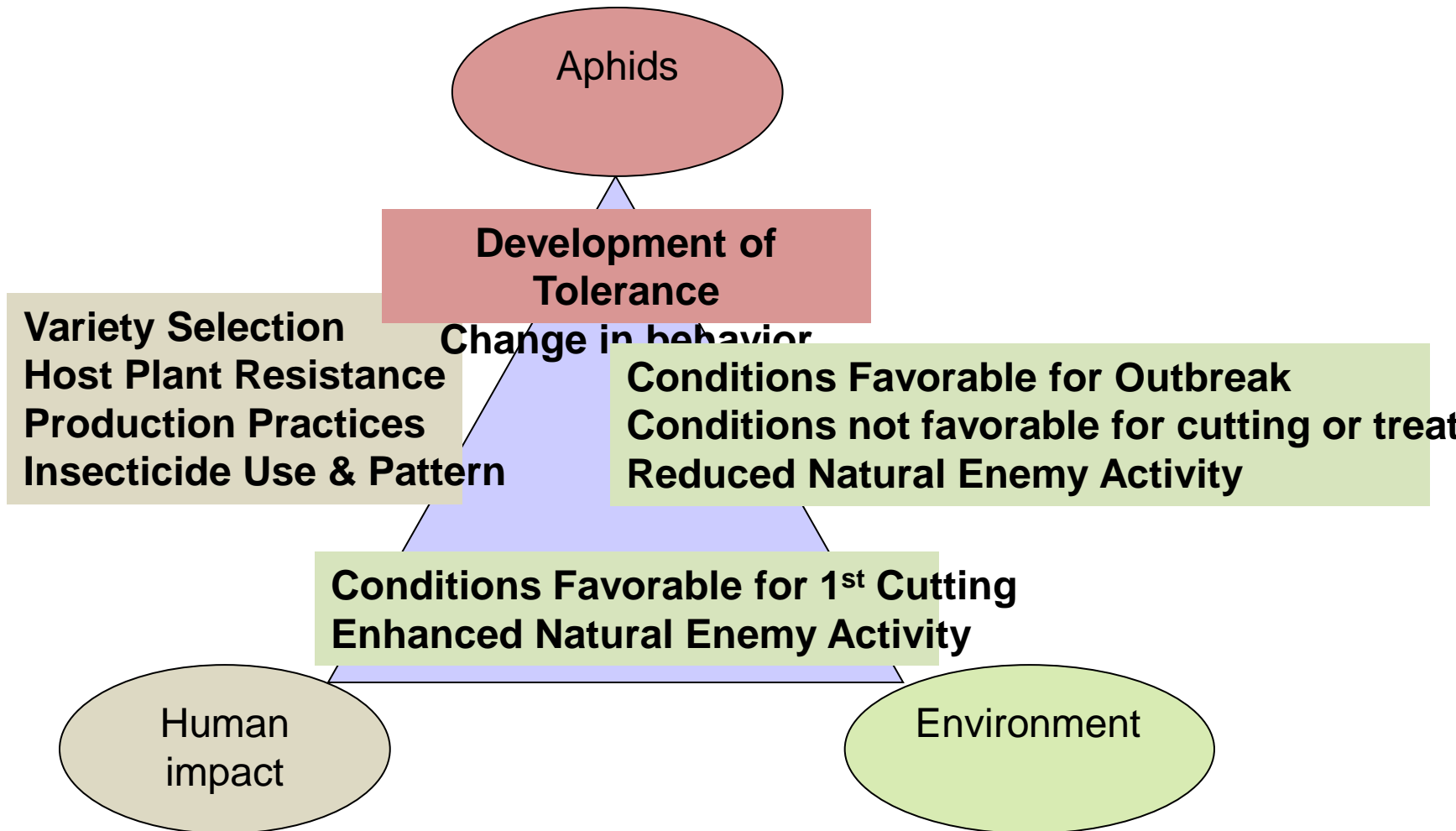


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# Outbreaks Reported 2013



# Outbreaks Are Complex Events



# Natural enemies



California

# Action Thresholds

Plant Height	Pea Aphids	Blue Alfalfa Aphids
Under 10 inches	40 to 50 per stem	10 to 12 per stem
10 to 20 inches	70 to 80 per stem	40 to 50 per stem
Over 20 inches	100 + per stem	40 to 50 per stem





### Alfalfa is a Forgiving Crop... BUT...

- Problems during stand establishment can lead to 1/2 to 2 ton/year differences each year
    - Lack of proper soil preparation, leveling
    - Improper planting date, depth, distribution
    - Excessive weed competition
- Growers do not really see these differences until harvest. No opportunity to compare.





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