

24TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION MEETING

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REGULATORY CHANGES

DPR 24-001 – Health Risk Mitigation for 1,3-Dichloropropene



















is expected to be adopted in November of this year and would add buffer zones to applications with 1,3-D for certain applications methods (the method codes it would affect are not ones we typically see used in our county).

DPR 25-003 – Pesticide Use Near School sites is expected to be adopted in October of this year and would require a separate site identification (site ID) number for the portion of an agricultural field that lies within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of a schoolsite.

For applications made for the production of an agricultural commodity within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of a schoolsite:

- Restricted material permit applications must include the anticipated method of application as specified in 3 CCR section 669I.
- Notices of intent (NOIs) must include the method of application as specified in 3 CCR section 669I and the allowable dates and time ranges during which the application can be applied that comply with the date and time restrictions in 3 CCR section 669I.
- Pesticide use reports (PUR) must include method of application as specified in 3 CCR section 669I.

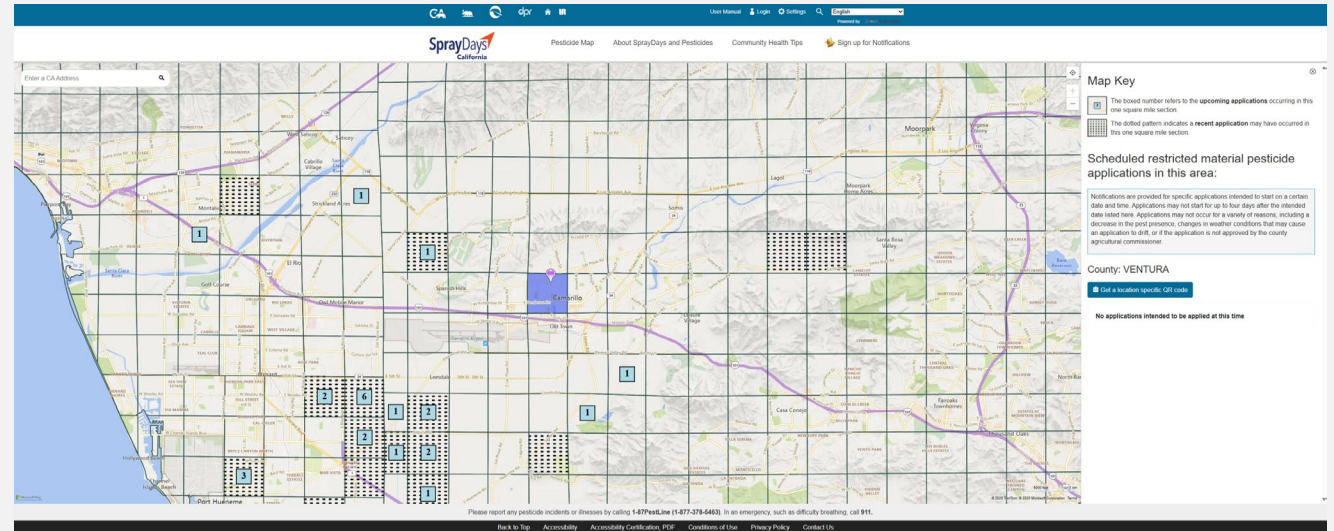
DPR'S PESTICIDE USE ANNUAL REPORT TEN-YEAR USE TRENDS

Category	 Change in Pounds Applied	Percent Change Pounds	 Change in Acres Treated	Percent Change Acres
Biopesticides	 2,762,494	46	 2,204,926	38
Oils	 -1,992,267	-7	 418,079	9
Carcinogens	 -9,480,961	-23	 -2,246,969	-24
Cholinesterase Inhibitors	 -1,938,648	-42	 -1,913,135	-48
Fumigants	 -8,955,517	-22	 -137,479	-43
Ground Water Contaminants	 -562,489	-81	 -368,909	-66
Reproductive Toxins	 -4,587,476	-45	 -1,851,035	-36
Toxic Air Contaminants	 -11,605,152	-25	 -1,886,880	-53

SPRAY DAYS

Since its launch:

- More than **20,500 visits** exploring the interactive pesticide map
- More than **3,700 users** have signed up for notifications across agricultural counties like Kern, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Ventura, and Fresno
- More than **30,000 notification messages** delivered to subscribed users statewide



PHYTOSANITARY CHANGES

- Light Brown Apple Moth is no longer recognized as an actionable pest in California.
- As of June 13, 2025, all Light Brown Apple Moth requirements enforced by Canada on our exports of Strawberries and other hosts are no longer required.
- Phytosanitary Certificates will no longer be required on California origin strawberry fruit shipping to Canada. This is helpful for our strawberry exporters by eliminating one extra step of needing to wait for a phytosanitary inspection and certification.



DEPARTMENT CHANGES

- Andy Calderwood resigned his position as Deputy Agricultural Commissioner on August 20th
- Andy was the Deputy assigned to Pesticide Use Enforcement
- We will be opening up a recruitment for his replacement soon





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