



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001579

MEETING DATE: 09/29/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Public Works
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Jose Arriaga, 714-955-0101
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SUBJECT: Receive and File the 2025 Crop Report and Economic Contributions Report

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

No Legal Objection

CLERK OF THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A

Current Year Cost: N/A

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact: No

Sole Source: N/A

Current Fiscal Year

Funding Source: N/A

County Audit in Last 3

Revenue: N/A

years: No

Levine Act Review

Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: 11/4/2025 #2, 2/25/2025 #23

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file the 2025 Orange County Annual Crop Report and the Economic Contributions of Orange County Agriculture.

SUMMARY:

Receiving and filing the 2025 Orange County Annual Crop Report and the Economic Contributions of Orange County Agriculture is necessary to showcase the economic contributions of Orange County's agricultural sector, address challenges impacting local production and support compliance with the California Food and Agricultural Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Sections 2272 and 2279 of the California Food and Agricultural Code, the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner has prepared the 2025 Orange County Annual Crop Report (Crop Report). The Crop Report provides a comprehensive overview of Orange County's agricultural industry, including acreage, production, crop valuation and pest management activities. On February 25, 2025, and November 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors received and filed the 2023 and 2024 Crop Report, respectively.

In 2025, Orange County's agriculture demonstrated continued resilience in the face of rising labor costs, a reduction in available production sites and invasive pest quarantines. Despite these challenges, the nursery industry maintained its position as the county's leading agricultural sector, contributing more than 48 percent of total agricultural value. This report represents the total agricultural production value of \$81.5 million for 2025, representing a 10 percent increase from 2024.

In addition to highlighting the accomplishments of Orange County's agricultural sector, the 2025 Crop Report also features the Pesticide Use Enforcement program and its five core functions: inspections, investigations, permitting, enforcement and public outreach. These components work together to protect public health and the environment while supporting a safe, sustainable and economically resilient county.

In conjunction with the 2025 Crop Report, this year marks the introduction of the Economic Contributions of Orange County Agriculture report (Attachment D). While the annual Crop Report measures the value of commodities produced at the farm gate, this companion report tells the broader story of agriculture's impact on Orange County's economy. Using modern economic analysis, it quantifies not only agricultural production, but also local processing, employment and the economic ripple effects generated throughout the county. Key findings include \$179 million in total economic activity generated countywide and 1,688 total jobs supported through direct employment and multiplier effects.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since it is a report on the economic contributions of the County's agricultural sector. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - 2025 Orange County Annual Crop Report Memorandum

Attachment B - 2025 Orange County Annual Crop Report

Attachment C - California Food and Agricultural Code Sections 2272 and 2279

Attachment D - Economic Contributions of Orange County Agriculture (Crop Report Plus Series)