

# ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

## 1999-2000 LEGISLATION

### **BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR**

#### **ASSEMBLY BILLS:**

##### **AB 47 (Cardoza)**

Vetoed

Beginning July 1, 2001, requires monies generated by cancellation fees from Williamson Act contracts which have not been designated for the Soil Conservation Fund, to be deposited into the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program (ALSP) Fund rather than the General Fund.

##### **AB 593 (Strom-Martin)**

Chapter 833, Statutes of 1999

Codifies numerous regulatory authorizations for farmers that sell direct to the public their fresh fruits, nuts, and vegetables; continues the authorization for certified farmer markets creating requirements for rules and procedures in order to operate such markets; makes permanent an advisory board with specified authority; authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture or Agricultural Commissioner to deny a market or producer a certificate, as specified; establishes a fee cap of \$0.60 per farmer to be collected and paid to the department by market managers; authorizes the imposition of civil penalties, and sunsets these provisions on January 1, 2005.

##### **AB 805 (Strom-Martin)**

Vetoed

Appropriates \$500,000 from General Fund (GF) to Department of Health Services (DHS) for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), subject to available federal matching funds. This measure was amended at the end of session, changing the author and subject matter which was previously heard in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

##### **AB 1130 (Ashburn)**

Chapter 240, Statutes of 1999

Extends until January 1, 2005, the requirement for the secretary of the State Department of Food and Agriculture to create an industry-funded standardization program for fruits, nuts, and vegetables.

##### **AB 1168 (Frusetta)**

Chapter 961, Statutes of 1999

Creates the Noxious Weed Management Account for the purpose of managing and eradicating noxious weeds; authorizes the State Department of Food and Agriculture to establish an oversight committee to monitor the bill's provisions and report to the Legislature through 2005; appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-02. *(Line Item Veto – The Governor reduced AB 1168's annual appropriation from \$500,000 to \$200,000)*

**AB 1170 (Frusetta)**

Chapter 370, Statutes of 1999

Clarifies that allocations of horse racing license fee revenues to California fairs may be used for their general operation and support; also provides for an increase in the amount of revenues from a lease on their property that the 22nd District Agricultural Association, the Del Mar Fair, may use for its operations costs.

**AB 1173 (Frusetta)**

Chapter 373, Statutes of 2000

Authorizes the sale, purchase, and transportation of domestically raised fallow deer that are slaughtered in accordance with regulations authorized by the Food and Agriculture Code, and; prohibits the department's approval of a custom slaughterhouse or meat processing facility for fallow deer until regulations are in place.

**AB 1228 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 890, Statutes of 1999

Authorizes reimbursement to counties for high-risk pest exclusion and noxious weed programs and sunsets this authority on July 1, 2001; reauthorizes development of work plans and disbursement of budgeted funds for high-risk pest exclusion program and resets sunset to January 1, 2001; authorizes commissioners to enter into mutual aid agreements with other counties.

**AB 1229 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 503, Statutes of 1999

Makes technical adjustments to the California Farmland Conservancy Program.

**AB 1232 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 627, Statutes of 1999

Appropriates \$750,000 each year for three specified fiscal years from the General Fund to the Secretary of the State Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of funding, on a competitive basis, Pierce Disease research; also specifies that the appropriation for each year shall become operative only upon an annual commitment during that year of at least \$250,000 in private contributions from the California viticulture and enology industry. In addition, this bill requires the secretary to appoint an advisory task force consisting of scientific experts, including, but not limited to, university researchers and agricultural representatives, for the purpose of advising the secretary on research to control and eradicate Pierce Disease. The bill repeals these provisions on January 1, 2005.

**AB 1238 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 197, Statutes of 1999

Redefines eggs for export and interstate commerce; directs the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish plant identification numbers; and, deletes sunset on ambient temperature requirements for specified eggs.

**AB 1243 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 609, Statutes of 1999

Omnibus bill, making several minor, non-controversial changes in laws affecting agriculture. The bill includes language that clarifies timelines for the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to audit for refunds or collect payment of assessments and closes loophole for applicants that have had revoked licenses; raises the fee limitation for avocado inspection and certification to \$.25 per hundredweight; authorizes a marketing order to create an indemnity fund for catastrophic events; makes technical changes to Organic Food Advisory Board alternate members and revises outdated references and reporting requirements; and expands the authority

of the California Walnut Commission to domestic markets and changes their voting requirements to be a majority of both producers affiliated with a cooperative and those not affiliated with cooperatives.

**AB 1249 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 198, Statutes of 1999  
Revises the Department of Food and Agriculture's application process for denied and renewal licenses of produce dealers and processors of farm products and their agents.

**AB 1251 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 447, Statutes of 1999  
Requires the State Veterinarian, instead of the Secretary of the State Department of Food and Agriculture, subject to the state administrative adjudication provisions of the Government Code, to impose a quarantine upon a population of domestic animals or food products from animals, as specified. This bill strengthens the conditions under which swine can enter California, provides for revocation or denial of marketing licenses and creates a fine of \$100 per animal for each violation.

**AB 1256 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 53, Statutes of 2000  
Provides that 98% of annual satellite wagering license (SWL) fee revenues in excess of \$11 million be transferred to the Fair and Exposition (F&E) Fund up to a total of \$13 million, and any amount in excess of that be split, with 50% going to the General Fund (GF) and 50% remaining with the F&E Fund, codifying existing practice.

**AB 1261 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 29, Statutes of 1999  
Restricts assessments by the California Sheep Commission to wool removed from sheep after December 31, 1998.

**AB 1435 (Briggs)** Chapter 507, Statutes of 1999  
Authorizes the State Department of Food and Agriculture to impose a maximum of 2 mill (0.2 cents) assessment per carton of navel or valencia oranges prepared for market to fund a department-administered state orange crop estimating service and an acreage survey.

**AB 1459 (Wiggins)** Chapter 143, Statutes of 1999  
Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to include in their evaluation report an analysis of whether the fee structure is appropriate and to list a summary of fees paid by commodity and dollar volume.

**AB 1470 (Cardoza)** Chapter 309, Statutes of 2000  
Appropriates \$575,000 from the GF to the EFAP. Directs \$300,000 of these funds to the acceptance of fresh and canned produce and \$275,000 to the acceptance of transportation and distribution of USDA commodities and other donated foods. States that the \$300,000 appropriation is to mitigate the impact of the Tri-Valley Growers Association bankruptcy. This measure is to take effect immediately.

**AB 1474 (Cardoza)** Chapter 911, Statutes of 1999  
Permits the use of livestock carriers, as specified, on Highway 101 until January 1, 2001, and exempts tribally owned vehicles from weight and license fees, except for registration fees.

**AB 1477 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 450, Statutes of 1999  
Raises the license fee cap and acreage fee cap for nursery producers and sellers; exempts licensees of cut flowers and cut ornamental products from acreage fees; and creates a five year sunset on this increase to license fees.

**AB 1480 (Washington)** Vetoed  
Clarifies current Williamson Act regulations that relate to land transfers and compatible uses; also allows for a nonagricultural manufacturing demonstration project on Williamson Act contracted land.

**AB 1512 (Briggs)** Chapter 452, Statutes of 1999  
Requires the obliteration of incorrect or unauthorized labels or markings prior to commercial reuse of containers and does not require the obliteration of old markings or labels by a grower employing a used container solely to transport, and not for display or sale, that grower's own agricultural products to or from, or both to and from, a certified farmers' market.

**AB 1548 (Cardoza)** Chapter 915, Statutes of 1999  
Provides funds for additional safety inspectors within the California Department of Health Services (DHS), and clarifies existing law as to local county health department inspection programs.

**AB 1582 (Florez)** Chapter 199, Statutes of 1999  
Adds, to the data that must be provided by grape processors to the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) so that the department can compile the annual Grape Crush Report, information on the total tonnage of grapes purchased and crushed that will be marketed as grape concentrate.

**AB 1645 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 965, Statutes of 1999  
Requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to establish a non-mandatory agricultural education program, and appropriates \$127,500 from the general fund to SDE for staff development and \$300,000 for curriculum development. *(Line Item Veto – The Governor eliminated the \$127,500 appropriation to the State Department of Education for staff development)*

**AB 1771 (Committee on Agriculture)** Chapter 573, Statutes of 2000  
Eliminates the July 1, 2000, sunset on workplans for high-risk pest exclusion, thereby making permanent the funding level as per the annual Budget Act.

**AB 1782 (Florez)** Chapter 425, Statutes of 2000  
Permits the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to adopt regulations, establish fees, in consultation with the livestock industry, and prosecute civilly, in order to control or eradicate cattle diseases.

**AB 1790 (Wiggins)** Chapter 272, Statutes of 2000  
Redefines the restrictions limiting the type of replacement grapevines that are removed due to specified disease to "substantially equivalent to" and "planted at a similar density."

**AB 1944 (Wayne)** Chapter 889, Statutes of 2000  
Removes the authority for referencing compatible use in documents outside a Williamson Act contract, thereby requiring compatible use specificity to be included in the contract, unless the contract was signed prior to June 7, 1997. Requires a board or council to mail an accepted notice of tentative cancellation to the Director of Conservation and requires the Director to submit comments on the proposed cancellation for consideration by the board or council.

**AB 2006 (Dutra)** Chapter 154, Statutes of 2000  
Extends sunset to January 1, 2006, of an annual assessment of up to 1% by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, paid on citrus fruit trees produced and sold within the state or shipped from the state. This assessment is for the purpose of registration, certification, clone activities, and other activities related to citrus fruit trees. This bill expands the advisory board by one grower member and requires the assessment rate be determined prior to January 10 of each year.

**AB 2071 (Briggs)** Chapter 338, Statutes of 2000  
Extends sunset to January 1, 2006, of assessment paid by county agricultural commissioners on vertebrate pest control materials sold, distributed, or applied. The assessment may be used for research to control vertebrate pests that pose a significant threat to the welfare of the public and the state's agricultural economy, and is administered by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture.

**AB 2111 (Campbell)** Vetoed  
Appropriates \$5 million, one-time, from the general fund to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) for control and eradication of infestations of Red Imported Fire Ants (RIFA). Further, it requires the department to report to the Legislature by June 30, 2001, its progress in controlling and eradicating RIFA infestations and outlining its expenditure program. This is an urgency measure.

**AB 2510 (Thomson)** Chapter 359, Statutes of 2000  
Makes any person liable who willfully and knowingly destroys any field crop that is subject to testing or product development conducted under contract with a state institution of higher education or other federal, state, or local government agency. The maximum liable amount shall be twice the actual value of the damages involving research, testing, and crop development costs directly related to the crop that has been damaged or destroyed. Provides that the "rights and remedies" provided by AB 2510 are in addition to existing law or statute.

**AB 2622 (Dickerson)**

Chapter 579, Statutes of 2000

This bill enacts the California Rice Certification Act of 2000 (Act) and establishes a committee within the California Rice Commission (CRC) to determine whether rice varieties are identified as having "characteristics of commercial impact," as defined. The committee will recommend terms, conditions and proposed regulations to the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for planting, transporting, harvesting, and identity preservation for rice identified as having "characteristics of commercial impact." Authorizes penalties for violations of this Act. Provides the CRC the authority to develop a program allowing the certification of any verifiable attribute of rice.

**AB 2630 (Ashburn)**

Chapter 412, Statutes of 2000

Increases the maximum fine for a misdemeanor violation of the market enforcement law to \$5,000 and revises the civil penalty to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,000 for licensed producer dealers and processors of farm products. Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) to collect investigative costs upon convictions and double joins this measure to SB 1535 (Costa).

**AB 2663 (Thomson)**

Chapter 670, Statutes of 2000

Increases the maximum fine for a misdemeanor violation of the market enforcement law to \$5,000 and revises the civil penalty to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,000 for licensed producer dealers and processors of farm products. Authorizes the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) to collect investigative costs upon convictions and double joins this measure to SB 1535 (Costa).

**AB 2688 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 938, Statutes of 2000

Authorizes the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to create an alternative expenditure reporting procedure from the State Administrative Manual (SAM) that shall, at a minimum, maintain an audit trail, and maintain fiduciary responsibility by district agricultural associations, county, and citrus fruit fairs. This process will be for fairs that have annual reportable expenditures of not more than \$1 million.

**AB 2693 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 298, Statutes of 2000

Permits membership on the Dairy Council to be non-state residents; raises members' per diem to \$100 per day; changes the assessment formula to a volume based structure, and; extends to five (5) years the period required for the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to hold a public hearing or call for a referendum of producers, producer handlers and handlers of fluid milk to reauthorize the Dairy Council authority. Additional technical and conforming changes are made.

**AB 2695 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 115, Statutes of 2000

Requires inspections on milk hauling tankers be made in a uniform and efficient manner, and permits a fee be assessed based upon actual cost of inspection; the fee is subject to verification upon the request of parties applying for the permit.

**AB 2698 (Florez)**

Chapter 1045, Statutes of 2000

Creates an exception to the period for public comment of a Williamson Act cancellation that will coincide with the public review process of the California Energy Resources and Conservation Development Commission (Energy Commission) for citing an energy plant. The cancellation exception is restricted to projects that relate to proposed electric generation plants located in Southern Kern County with a capacity of 700 to 800 megawatts, for which applications were accepted by the Energy Commission during January 2000. This exception sunsets December 31, 2001.

**AB 2705 (Committee on Agriculture)**

Chapter 1046, Statutes of 2000

Directs the loan repayments and interest from the Agricultural Energy Assistance Program be deposited into the Energy Technologies Research Development and Demonstration Account, and upon appropriation be available for loans and technical assistance. This bill provides that the loan repayments not be longer than seven years and bear an interest rate not less than 2% below the Pooled Money Investment Account rate. Further, this bill deletes a comparable program managed by the Department of Food and Agriculture.

**AB 2707 (Florez)**

Chapter 877, Statutes of 2000

Requires the Labor Commissioner to establish and maintain a Fresno office to administer and enforce the provisions of law relating to the licensing of farm labor contractors and all other services provided by the division of Labor Standards Enforcement.

**AB 2710 (House)**

Vetoed

Prohibits a milk producer from the sale or give away of any milk product that is intended to be used as a dairy product for resale unless to an approved and licensed entity. This bill requires notification of specified state officials and also requires their prompt and effective enforcement against violators of this provision. Requires the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health Services and local and county health officials, to investigate and determine related illness. Makes it a misdemeanor to use unauthorized business labels for any dairy product.

**AB 2752 (Cardoza)**

Vetoed

Prohibits the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) from concurring in a permit for a proposed solid waste landfill for which a petition has been received by the board from an Indian Tribe as specified.

**SENATE BILLS:****SB 95 (Perata)**

Vetoed

Provides that sellers of merchandise sold over the internet are exempt from retail space size limitations. The measure was amended at the end of session, changing author and subject matter that was heard previously in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

**SB 204 (Lewis)** Chapter 1010, Statutes of 1999  
Appropriates \$9.5 million for the control and eradication of the red imported fire ant (RIFA).  
*(Line Item Veto – The Governor reduced the appropriation from \$9.5 million to \$2 million)*

**SB 419 (Speier)** Chapter 682, Statutes of 1999  
Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), over the next two years, to conduct statewide monthly retail milk price surveys and a public information program that provides the survey's findings, and to report to the Legislature by June 30, 2001, on the program.

**SB 431 (Alarcon)** Chapter 174, Statutes of 1999  
Allows the 51st District Agricultural Association to use sale proceeds to lease land on a long term basis for the new site of the Valley Fair, and to make improvements to the leased site.

**SB 490 (Kelley)** Chapter 418, Statutes of 1999  
Establishes confidentiality requirements for veterinary records and prohibits cities and counties from using or distributing information on animals and their owners collected through license applications and rabies vaccines, except as required by federal, state or local law or regulations.

**SB 649 (Costa)** Chapter 1019, Statutes of 1999  
Requires that the state make open-space subvention payments during a portion of the period of non-renewal of farmland security zone (FSZ) contracts, increases the amount of those payments for some lands, and specifies criteria and procedures for cancellation of FSZ contracts.

**SB 671 (Chesbro)** Chapter 21, Statutes of 2000  
Appropriates one-time \$6.9 million from the General Fund for the purposes of Pierce's Disease research and combating its vectors; provides Legislative intent that a total of \$13.8 million be made available for this purpose.

**SB 828 (McPherson)** Chapter 889, Statutes of 1999  
Permits agricultural commissioners to impose a charge for the use of a credit card or other payment devices when accepting payment for pest control registrations or services and defines "credit cards" and "payment devices" according to the Government Code.

**SB 831 (Baca)** Chapter 994, Statutes of 1999  
Allows for automatic approval of specified land transfers (i.e., Williamson Act contracted land to be rescinded while placing other land under a conservation easement) between landowners and multiple cities and counties.

**SB 971 (Baca)** Vetoed  
Permits county milk commission members to reside in counties contiguous to the specific county's commission; permits a dentist to serve in lieu of a physician as a commissioner; prohibits county employees or contractors from being members of the commission except for the nominee of the county health department; authorizes the commission to certify milk in other counties; and sunsets these provisions January 1, 2005.



**SB 985 (Johnston)**

Chapter 1018, Statutes of 1999

Adds legislative findings and declarations regarding the State's interest in protecting farmland through the Williamson Act. Clarifies that current law's allowance of limited mining practices on Williamson Act contracted land remains in effect. Clarifies the definition of "recreational use" to include use of land in its natural state and requires specific findings to be made before ancillary structures could be constructed on Williamson Act contracted land. Limits the findings that have to be met before simultaneous land transfers between Williamson Act contracted land and conservation easements may be approved. Deletes reference in current law that refers to cancellation fees as deferred taxes. Requires the Department of Conservation to be notified directly for any public works project on Williamson Act contracted land. Forbids a land swap for property that falls under the farmland security zone or Super Williamson Act. Clarifies current law that requires local governments to deny approval of a tentative or parcel map if the resulting parcel proves to be too small to sustain their agricultural use.

**SB 1274 (Costa)**

Chapter 329, Statutes of 1999

Adds to that definition of "agricultural processing activity, operation, facility, or appurtenances thereof" rendering plants and collection centers required to be licensed under the provisions of the bill, as specified.

**SB 1430 (Haynes)**

Vetoed

Creates Fallbrook Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine Relief Fund (FMFFQRF), and appropriates one-time \$3.5 from the general fund for the payment to growers impacted by the quarantine as designated, and contains an urgency clause.

**SB 1462 (Perata)**

Chapter 992, Statutes of 2000

Requires a state licensed veterinarian be present or on call at all rodeos, and authorizes fines for any violations of this bill.

**SB 1535 (Costa)**

Chapter 768, Statutes of 2000

Clarifies and expands the authority of the California Department of Food and Agriculture regarding the licensing, auditing, and collecting investigative cost of those that purchase or sell on commission farm commodities in California. This bill is double joined to AB 2630 (Ashburn) and will become effective if both bills become law. Four sections of this bill will not become effective if AB 2630 is enacted before SB 1535.

**SB 1620 (Kelley)**

Chapter 995, Statutes of 2000

Changes the conditions for approval of continuing education providers and designates up to 10% of the renewals may be audited.

**SB 1740 (Leslie)**

Chapter 315, Statutes of 2000

Appropriates One time \$5 million from the General Fund that may be used without respect to fiscal year funds to the California Department of Food and Agriculture as specified for research and management programs dealing with noxious weeds.

**SB 1826 (Kelley)**

Chapter 587, Statutes of 2000

Makes technical but substantive changes to various commission laws to address current requests made by the respective commissions.

**SB 1935 (Costa)**

Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2000

Authorizes the timing of payment for county registration for pest control operations and structural pest control operators; increases the license, renewal and late fees for commercial feed business and eliminates the requirement for a permanent place of business.

**SB 1970 (Costa)**

Chapter 806, Statutes of 2000

Clarifies the Director of the Department Pesticide Regulation's authority to review the conduct of a county agricultural commissioner; revises regulatory adoption processes; permits agricultural commissioners to deny other permits for failure to pay a fine; authorizes the director to determine fines and provides an appeal process.

**SB 2065 (Costa)**

Chapter 589, Statutes of 2000

Creates a biotechnology task force to evaluate opportunities and risks associated with biotechnology products and to report to the Governor and Legislature. Also adds arbitration to the labeling and procedures for disputes between labelers and any person purchasing seed.

**SB 2104 (Morrow)**

Chapter 698, Statutes of 2000

Requires that the state standardized emergency management system (SEMS) be applicable to freezes and agricultural quarantines.

**SB 2152 (O'Connell)**

Vetoed

Defines mobile milking and bottling parlors and authorizes the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) to evaluate a single mobile milking and bottling parlor in the City of Paso Robles for one year. After review of the evaluation, and if the review is positive, the secretary shall establish regulations for such facilities.

**SB 2204 (Soto)**

Chapter 431, Statutes of 2000

Permits Williamson Act contract rescissions located within the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, to be exchanged for agricultural conservation easements in the Chino Basin. This bill will become operative only if AB 1944 (Wayne) becomes law.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**HR 32 (Strom-Martin)** Relative to Industrial Hemp. Makes various findings and declarations regarding industrial hemp and suggests the Assembly direct the Legislature to take certain actions. *Read and Adopted.*

**HR 36 (Soto)** Relative to the Los Angeles County Fair Association. *In Assembly. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.*

**HR 46 (Cardoza)** Relative to National Agriculture Week. *Read and Adopted.*

**HR 58 (Flores)** Relative to the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter. *Read, Amended, and Adopted.*

**SJR 38 (Costa)** Res. Chapter 165, Statutes of 2000  
Memorializes to the federal government the state Legislature's support for an amendment to the Agricultural Appropriations bill that requires an independent review of the rule for importation of Argentina citrus and a risk assessment underlying that rule by May 1, 2001.

## **BILLS NOT SENT TO THE GOVERNOR**

### **ASSEMBLY BILLS:**

**AB 218 (Kaloogian)** Changes the filing date of a detailed statement of operation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, from on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January each year to the first day of February each year, by any county or district agricultural association conducting a fair where appropriation is sought. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 654 (Cardoza)** Provides for a study by the California Department of Food and Agriculture to establish an objective odor test, as prescribed, relating to rendering plants. *In Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 721 (Briggs)** Forgives the repayment of any outstanding loans made to the 21st District Agricultural Association (the Big Fresno Fair) by the State of California to finance fairground improvement. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 736 (Thompson)** Requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to report to the Legislature by March 1, 2001, on effects of the quarantine placed in Fallbrook to combat the Mexican Fruit Fly. *In Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. Set, final hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 737 (Oller)** Creates the Yellow Starthistle and Other Noxious Weeds Statewide Eradication and Control Program under the jurisdiction of the Department of Food and Agriculture. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 1043 (Shelley)** Impose a tax on the sale of pesticides of one mill per dollar of sales to be deposited by the Director of Food and Agriculture, as specified, in the Poison Control System Fund. *Amended, and rereferred to Assembly Committee on Health.*

**AB 1171 (Frusetta)** Requires a retailer to display the country of origin for all imported fruits, vegetables, and all raw meats, with products that originate in the United States to be exempted. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 1213 (Strom-Martin)** Raises the mandatory state certificate fee that each certified producer is required to pay from \$10 to \$25. In addition, the bill would require this fee to be paid until January 1, 2004, rather than until January 1, 2000. The measure was amended, changing the subject matter that was heard in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule. 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 1472 (Committee on Agriculture)** Creates the Meat and Poultry Inspection Fund and would require the money in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be used by the department to carry out that program in accordance with those federal acts. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 1640 (Committee on Agriculture)** Permits the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to create an on-line pilot computer program for pesticide use reporting (PUR) that simultaneously notifies the responsible county and DPR, and to discover and correct reporting errors in a timely manner. The program may have up to 50 voluntary reporting participants from counties that agree to participate, reflecting the cropping and geographic diversity of the state. The pilot program has a sunset date of January 1, 2004. *In Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 1641 (Committee on Agriculture)** Provides agricultural growers a \$30 per ton tax credit for the cost of gathering, chipping, and transporting prunings to a biomass conversion facility. *Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 56. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.*

**AB 1952 (Florez)** Revises the State Emergency Plan and provides for the development of a model local disaster plan for the purpose of responding to agriculture-related disasters. Additionally, the bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to declare a “state of emergency” for agriculture-related emergencies. *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**AB 2042 (Briggs)** This bill will assist the equine massage industry in establishing minimum standards of education, training, and experience for equine body workers in order to protect the integrity of the industry, and the health and well-being of equines. *In Senate Committee on Business and Professions. Hearing postponed by committee.*

**AB 2122 (Briggs)** Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Finance and the Department of General Services, to adopt policies and practices relative to the procurement of telecommunications goods and services by district agricultural associations. *In Senate. Referred to Committee on Governmental Organization.*

**AB 2141 (Lempert)** Makes Legislative findings and declarations pertaining to poultry and human illness; creates a crime that would deprive, or cause harm, to any bird used for egg laying purposes, water and food, as specified; defines "harm" and "induced or forced molt;" punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both. *In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Set, first hearing. Failed Passage.*

**AB 2435 (Thompson)** Authorizes tax deduction for crop losses certified to be due to Glassy Winged Sharpshooter or Pierce's Disease for taxable years 2001 to 2005; allows tax losses to be carried forward up to 8 years; provides definitions, and; sunsets provisions December 1, 2006. *In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Held under submission.*

**AB 2444 (Thompson)** Expands the conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency to include "a pest infestation and a federal quarantine". *In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 2460 (Thompson)** Appropriates \$1 million (\$1,000,000) to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (department) for studying and combating the Mexican fruit fly epidemic in San Diego County for the budget year 2000-2001. *In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.*

**AB 2600 (Battin)** Creates the "Exotic Pest and Plant Disease Management Account" (EPPDMA) within the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and appropriates \$10 million for targeted outbreaks and \$20 million for research, of which \$10 million is allocated to the University of California (UC) Center for Exotic Pests. The funds shall be for the prevention, management, and eradication of exotics, except for medfly, and for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of plant diseases. *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Held under submission.*

**AB 2690 (Florez)** States Legislative findings and declarations relating to damages and compensation from oil and gas exploration on agricultural lands. Specifies as damages the value of all crops that could have been produced on the land for as long as the land is occupied by exploration and production for oil and gas. *In Senate. Amended and rereferred to Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. Held under submission*

**AB 2703 (Committee on Agriculture)** Creates a special fund and appropriates \$10 million from the general fund to be used for specified purposes related to exotic pests, plants, or disease. *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Held under submission.*

**AB 2796 (Reyes)** Creates definition for "Integrated Pest Management (IPM)" as "sustainable approach to manage pests by combining biological, chemical, cultural, manual, mechanical, and other techniques, or any combination thereof, in a manner that minimizes health, environmental, and economic risks." *In Senate. Rereferred to Committee on Environmental Quality.*

**AB 2842 (Calderon)** Establishes an alternative mechanism for accrediting foreign veterinary medical schools to establish eligibility for their graduates to sit for the California licensing

examination. *In Senate. Amended and re-referred to Committee on Business and Professions.*

**AB 2861 (Committee on Labor and Employment)** Changes reference for occupational health centers from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to be informed regarding specified clinical and research information. *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Hearing postponed.*

#### **SENATE BILLS:**

**SB 298 (Leslie)** Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Trade and Commerce Agency (TCA) to fund, contingent upon the state receiving a match of at least this amount from the private sector, California's participation in the "World's Fair Expo 2000 Hannover" in Germany. *Withdrawn and re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations. Set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**SB 386 (Leslie)** Appropriates \$200,000 continuously from the General Fund to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to conduct foreign market research, personnel training and other CDFA duties related to the state's Agricultural Export Program (AEP). *In Assembly Committee on Appropriations: set, second hearing. Held under submission.*

**SB 1513 (Hayden)** Requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to establish a working group for review and evaluation of federal notifications of genetically engineered projects affecting California agriculture. *Failed passage in committee. Returned to Chief Clerk pursuant to Jt. Rule 62(a).*

**SB 1523 (Figueroa)** Changes compliance requirements for an employer of agricultural workers by requiring the posting of warning signs after an application of a pesticide when the requirement for reentry interval is 24 hours or longer. *In Assembly Committee on Agriculture. Set, first hearing. Failed passage in Committee.*

**SB 1878 (Johnston)** This bill makes technical, yet substantive, changes to various land conservation and land use programs, including the Williamson Act, the California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP), and the Subdivision Map Act (SMA). *Read Third Time. Refused Passage.*

**SB 1909 (Costa)** This bill would repeal specified obsolete provisions relating to milk pricing and pooling. *In Assembly Agriculture Committee. Set, second hearing. Further hearing to be set.*