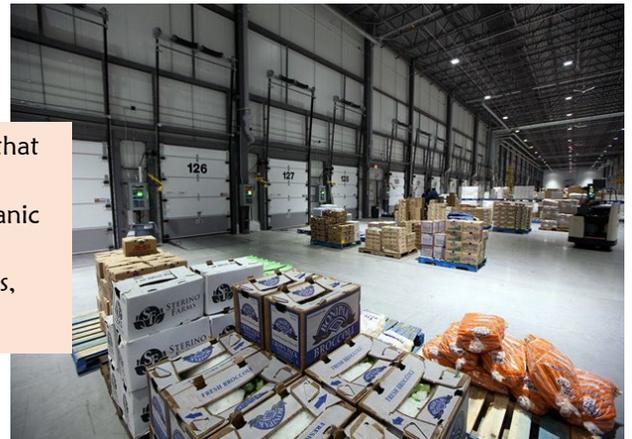


Organic Farming

San Diego County is a leader in the number of organic farms in the State of California. AWM promotes consumer confidence in the organic label by conducting inspections and sample collection from farm to the point-of-sale and every stop in between.



Production Site Inspections: On-site inspections at organic growing grounds. AWM inspects all organic production operations on a three-year cycle to verify compliance with the State and National Organic Programs. AWM inspectors verify that all inputs to the farm comply with organic requirements (e.g., fertilizers, pesticides, and anything applied to the crop, livestock, or soil); verify that biodiversity practices are in place (e.g., implementation of Integrated Pest Management techniques to prevent, manage, and if necessary, control pest problem); audit of the amount of produce sold, compared to the amount harvested and the amount planted to ensure integrity from seed to fruit; and collect samples for pesticide residue testing from a random number of producers.



Handling Facility Inspections: On-site inspections of wholesale facilities that accept organic produce. AWM inspectors verify organic integrity by observing required markings on boxes, reviewing record keeping of organic produce (e.g., bills of lading, invoices), ensuring the operation is implementing Integrated Pest Management that meets organic standards, and collecting random samples for pesticide residue testing.



Retail Inspections: On-site inspections of retail facilities that offer for sale organic produce. AWM inspectors verify organic integrity by reviewing advertisements and labeling of organic produce for compliance, reviewing record keeping of organic produce (invoices), ensuring the operation is implementing Integrated Pest Management that meets the organic standard (e.g., good housekeeping and temperature controls to prevent pests, non-pesticide methods for pest control such as sticky traps), and ensuring that any pesticide use will not contaminate organic produce (e.g., rodent bait stations placed away from produce storage areas), and collecting random samples for pesticide residue testing.

Certified Farmers' Market (CFM) Inspections: On-site inspections of any operation that either advertises or makes a claim of organic status at CFMs. AWM inspectors confirm proof of organic status, review advertisement and labeling claims for compliance, ensure fresh produce was transported in a way that maintains organic integrity, and collects random samples for pesticide residue testing.



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INSPECTIONS SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Certified Farmers' Market:	16				16
In Violation:	2				2
Production Site:	16				16
In Violation:	0				0
Handling Facility:	7				7
In Violation:	1				1
Retailer:	28				28
In Violation:	0				0
Total Inspections:	67				67
In Violation:	3				2

SAMPLING SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Certified Farmers' Market:	3				3
Residues Detected	0				0
Production Site:	13				13
Residues Detected:	0				0
Handling Facility:	6				6
Residues Detected	1*				1
Retailer:	30				30
Residues Detected:	1**				1
Total Random Samples:	52				52
Residues Detected:	2				2

COMPLAINT/INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Investigated:	3				3
Found to be in violation:	2				2
Investigative Samples:	7				7
Residues Detected:	3**				3

* Natural pesticide detected - in compliance

** Synthetic pesticide detected – referred to the CDFA State Organic Program for investigation

Inspections Summary
Q1 July - Sep 2022



Sampling Summary
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