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## 2005 Crop Report Released

Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer Lisa Correia presented the 2005 Crop Report to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2006.

The total gross value of agricultural commodities produced in Sonoma County in 2005 was \$637,661,670. This represents a 21% increase from the 2004 value of \$525,992,600. This is the highest recorded total value for Sonoma County's agricultural production (the previous high was \$591,129,300 reported in 2000).

The increased value can be attributed primarily to production in wine grapes. The tons crushed in 2005 increased 39% as compared with 2004. The average price per ton declined slightly from \$1,869 to \$1,864 per ton.

Although the value for Gravenstein apples decreased by \$540,500 overall apple production values increased by \$1.3 million. The increase in apple values can be attributed to higher prices and yields for late apples. Livestock and poultry combined for a total value of \$40.5 million an increase of 3.4% compared to 2004.

This year's crop report celebrates the nursery industry, which reported a record value in all nursery products of \$31,446,800, an increase of 8% compared with 2004. The grapevine nursery increase in value by \$2.6

million and the value for bedding plants increased by \$2.7 million, which contributed to the record value of nursery products. Our nursery industry continues to be a vital part of the Sonoma County agricultural economy and diversity.

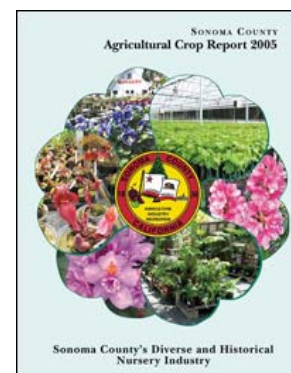
Appreciation goes to the growers, producers, ranchers, and others who provided vital information making the crop report possible.

Congratulations to Cree Morgan and Deanna McAulay for their success in producing this report, and the rest of the staff for their assistance and support in this project.

This report reflects the gross production values and not the net income or costs of production for an individual producer.

The 2005 crop report is now available online, and interested parties are encouraged to download a copy from our website:

[www.sonoma-county.org/aqcomm/crop\\_report.htm](http://www.sonoma-county.org/aqcomm/crop_report.htm)



## Public Consultation Meetings and Workshop

### Discussing Proposed Regulatory Requirements for In-Use Stationary Diesel Engines Used in Agriculture



In a press releases late last month the California Air Resources Board (ARB) announced it will be holding two public meetings and a public workshop to discuss a draft proposal to regulate existing (i.e., in-use) stationary diesel agricultural engines greater than 50 horsepower. These engines are typically used to power well and booster pumps for the irrigation of crops.

particulate matter (PM) exhaust emissions. Exposure to diesel PM may result in cancer and non-cancer health effects such as eye and lung irritation, allergic reactions in the lungs and asthma exacerbation.

Information regarding the initial draft proposal and workshop (e.g., fact sheet, notice, preliminary draft regulatory language, slide presentation, FAQ, etc.) is available at:

The purpose for the proposed regulatory requirements for in-use stationary diesel agricultural engines is to reduce diesel

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/ag/inuseag.htm>.



The public consultation meetings will be held July 26, 2006, at the times/locations shown below:

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Colusa Agricultural Complex  
100 Sunrise Blvd.  
Colusa, CA 95932

2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Durham Veterans Memorial  
9319 Midway  
Durham, CA 95938

The public workshop will be held July 27, 2006, as shown below:

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

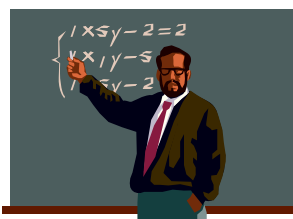
## Pest Control Management Update Class

In the spring and fall of each year our office has put on a pest management class at the Santa Rosa Junior College (Ag. 170). Several speakers are chosen to give presentations on a wide variety of pest related topics. This class provides an excellent opportunity for growers, pest control operators, pest control advisors, and maintenance gardeners to obtain continuing education hours for their

licenses or certificates.

October 13 and 14 are the dates of the class for the fall 2006 semester. You must register through the Santa Rosa Junior College by telephoning (707) 527-4011 or on-line at: [www.santarosa.edu/](http://www.santarosa.edu/).

If you have questions about the class, please call Pete Albers at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office (707) 565-2371.



### AGRI 70 Integrated Pest Management

October 13  
6 pm to 9 pm  
and  
October 14  
8 am to 4 pm

## Have you seen this Weed?

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has asked counties to keep an eye out for Japanese dodder (*Cuscuta japonica*). There has been an increasing number of detections of this noxious weed in California during the last few years.

What is Japanese dodder?

Japanese dodder is an exotic, potentially invasive parasitic vine recently introduced to California, it has a broad host plant range from annual herbaceous plants to woody trees and shrubs. This weed grows rapidly and reproduces vegetatively (through stem



fragments) and by seed. Japanese dodder was probably introduced via ethnic communities as an herbal remedy.

What does Japanese dodder look like?

Japanese dodder is a yellow-orange to yellow-green vine. It's twining stems are leafless, fleshy, possibly with small red to purplish spots. Mature stems are comparable in size to cooked spaghetti. Infestations are often large, spreading and web-like that frequently covers large shrubs and small trees in residential areas and ornamental plantings.

California does have native, non-invasive species of dodder. The native dodder species have stems that are more thread or string-like, infestations are likely to be smaller, infecting non-woody plants or small shrubs in wildland areas or crops.

Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has put together a flyer on Japanese dodder, which includes pictures, this flyer may be viewed at:

[www.saccounty.net/docs/Japanese-Dodder-Flyer.pdf](http://www.saccounty.net/docs/Japanese-Dodder-Flyer.pdf)

If you think you have seen this plant in Sonoma County, please call our office at (707) 565-2371.

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