





California Weeds and Weed Free Forage

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Weed Free Forage

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) has a voluntary protocol for a county to certify weed-free forage including hay, straw, or mulch and straw wattles.

"Voluntary" - A county may choose not to certify weed free forage, but if it issues such certifications, then they must follow the state protocols for WFF inspections.



Authority for WFF

FAC 403. The department shall prevent the introduction and spread of injurious insect or animal pests, plant diseases, &noxious weeds.

FAC 5101. Each commissioner is an enforcing officer of all laws & regulations which relate to the prevention of the introduction into, or the spread within, the state of pests. S/he is, as to such activities, under the supervision of the Secretary.

FAC 5205. A commissioner shall make such inspections as may be necessary to determine the facts which are required by the state or country of intended destination & shall issue a certificate that states the facts which are determined upon receipt of the scheduled fee for a certificate or, if no scheduled fee has been established, upon request of the shipper.



Forage does not have to lack ALL weeds

Forage certified under this protocol will be inspected for actionable plant pests listed in the following:

- Federal noxious weeds list
- State noxious weed list, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 4500
- A or Q rated plants not designated as a noxious weed in CCR Section 4500



Federal Noxious Weeds that could end up in forage

Cuscuta spp.*

Orobanche spp.*

Ageratina adenophora

Ageratina riparia

Arctotheca calendula*

Asphodelus fistulosis*

Carthamus oxyacantha

Crupina vulgaris*

Digitaria scalarum

Digitaria velutina

Emex australis

Emex spinosa

Euphorbia terracina*

Galega officinalis*

Heracleum mantegazzianum

Imperata cylindrica*

Leptochloa chinensis*

Onopordum illyricum*

Paspalum scrobiculatum

Pennisetum clandestinum*

Rubus fruticosus

Salsola vermiculata*

Setaria subtessellata

Urochloa panicoides

* Rated in CA



Noxious Weed

FAC 5004: Any species of plant that is, or is liable to be, troublesome, aggressive, intrusive, detrimental, or destructive to agriculture, silviculture, or important native species, and difficult to control or eradicate, which the director, by regulation, designates to be a noxious weed. In determining whether or not a species shall be designated a noxious weed for the purposes of protecting silviculture or important native plant species, the director shall not make that designation if the designation will be detrimental to agriculture.



Section 4500. Noxious Weed Species

It has been determined that the following species of plants are noxious weeds within the meaning of Section 5004 of the Food and Agricultural Code:

Acacia paradoxa (Kangaroo thorn)

Acaena anserinifolia (biddy biddy)

Achnatherum brachychaetum (punagrass)

Acroptilon repens (Russian knapweed)

Aegilops triuncialis (barb goatgrass)

Aeschynomene rudis (rough jointvetch)

Alhagi maurorum (camelthorn)

Ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven)

etc...



Format of CDFA Pest Risk Assessment

Initiating Event History Rating Criteria:

- Adaptability to CA climate
- Host range
- Pest dispersal potential
- Economic Impact
- •Environmental Impact

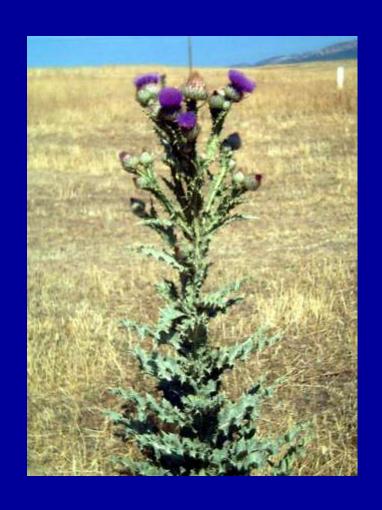


Arundo donax



Illyrian thistle Onopordum illyricum

Related to Scotch thistle Adapted to drier conditions Known from 1 historic & 1 new locality in CA Very persistent seed bank: 30 yrs+ 2nd location under powerlines – from WF?





Spanish mercury Mercurialis ambigua

Related to dog mercury

Differs in leaf shape,

monoecious

Native to Spain

Often in nursery areas

Spread via mulch





Capeweed (Arctotheca calendula)

Rosette annual w/ dark disk fls Confused w/ *A. prostrata* that is sold as a ground cover

Currently known from Marin, Humboldt, San Mateo, Merced & Stanislaus Counties
Some good control results using Milestone
Spread via contaminated grass seed





Oblong spurge (*Euphorbia oblongata*)

Invasive in Coast and
Sierra foothills
Related to to other
invasive spurges
Perennial w/
Seed bank
Entering expansion phase?





Stinkweed (Dittrichia graveolens)

Annual, late-flowering, glandular herb 1st report in CA in 1984

Spreads quickly along roads
Now in at least 26 counties
Inhibits germination crops
Toxic to stock
Contact dermatitis in people
Control via glyphosate or
mowing





Dittrichia viscosa False yellowhead

New Find in CA
Similar in ecology to
stinkwort
A perennial shrub with
showy flowers
Opportunity to
eradicate?





Star endive (Rhagadiolus stellatus)

Annual herb in part shade
Distinctive fruit
Known from Napa & Sonoma Counties
Often dominant in understory

Serious grain field pest in Middle East







cdfa Japanese dodder (Cuscuta japonica)

Parasite of woody plants
Spread via birds and humans
Seed capsules found recently
Tree removal only treatment
Over 200 occurrences
eradicated by CDFA



Egyptian broomrape (Orobanche aegyptiaca)

Parasite on many crop plants incl. tomato, cabbage, & carrots New find for N Am 6/14 Destroying tomato production in Israel & Turkey Most likely pathway via contaminated seed or transplants

