

The vision for agriculture in 2030, in Calaveras County.

Calaveras County is a small, still rural county, which is threatened by urban encroachment. The vision for agriculture for the year 2030 in Calaveras County is similar to what it is today.

The vision for 2030 is:

- An increase in the number of small scale vineyards, orchards, vegetable farms and livestock producers. As one grower stated, “We still have to eat in 2030.” Eating local will be more of a necessity than a choice.
- An increase in boutique (small scale) processors of agricultural products.
- The rangeland will continue to provide open space, contributing to the rural element. The ranchers will be the environmental stewards of the land, and they will be recognized as such.
- Finally, agritourism will flourish. Agritourism in Calaveras County will keep the industry alive.

“Must Haves” for 2030

- There must be incentives, such as the Williamson Act and other conservation easement programs, to encourage landowners to keep their land in agricultural production, and not be enticed by development.
- There must be strong pest prevention programs in the state.
 - The border stations must be funded and remain open.
 - Of local concern is Highway 88, which runs from the Nevada state line to Stockton. This is an open pathway for weed introductions through hay shipments and gravel shipments. This pathway needs to be studied.
- There must be funding for noxious weed control.

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