



Agriculture Commissioner

County of Ventura, California

Salary: \$119,243 - \$165,644 annually, plus benefits

Ventura County is a coastal community in Southern California which according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service is "the absolute most desirable place to live in America."

The Agriculture Commissioner is appointed by the County Executive Officer with the concurrence of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to serve a four-year term. The Commissioner serves as the primary local enforcement agent for State agricultural laws and regulations. The position is responsible for overseeing the department of 46 full-time employees. The adopted budget for 2017-18 is 5.4 million annually.

The ideal candidate will be a visionary leader with an extensive background in Agriculture and in management; will possess extensive knowledge of principles, theories, best practices, and techniques of promoting agriculture, farm worker health and safety, the protection of environmental resources, and the assurance of a fair marketplace; will possess current knowledge of pertinent California and federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations; will possess experience collaborating with a wide variety of professionals and public agencies, including experience making public presentations; and will demonstrate knowledge of principles and practices pertaining to public administration and exhibit an understanding of effective, affordable strategies and program management. A Master's degree within a related field is highly desirable.

The required education and experience may be obtained by a combination of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in agriculture or the biological sciences and extensive agricultural regulatory experience with a minimum of one year of experience comparable to a Deputy Agricultural Commissioner or Supervising Agricultural Inspector. Possession of a license of eligibility for a County Agricultural Commissioner issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and a California Driver license are also required.

To learn more about the position, please go to: <https://goo.gl/wsUzZT>

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You may email your resume with cover letter directly to Kelli Fitzgerald at kelli.fitzgerald@ventura.org or for further information, you may contact Kelli Fitzgerald by email or by telephone at (805) 654-3611.