

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Meeting of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board
and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force
Held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021
CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility
2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Jeff Bitter*, Greg Coleman*, William Drayton*, Rich Hammond*,
Randy Heinzen*, Kendall Hoxsey-Onysko*, Trey Irwin*, Aaron
Lange*, Jim Ledbetter, Steve McIntyre*, Domonic Rossini, Seth
Schwebs*

Members Absent: Bill Hammond, John Harkey

PD ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Members Present: Glenn Fankhauser*, Cathy Fisher*, Alyssa Houtby*, Martin Mochizuki*,
Beth Stone-Smith*, Judy Zaninovich*

Members Absent: Tracy Cleveland, Jean-Mari Peltier

OTHER ATTENDEES

Chris Bock, Andrew Cline, Noelle Cremers*, Pete Downs*, Sandy Elles*, Leah
Gayagas*, Craig Hanes, Matthew Kaiser, Mark McLoughlin*, Neil McRoberts*,
Michael Miiller*, Warren Nichols*, Stacie Oswald*, David Pegos, Michelle Phillips, Ted
Reiger*, Nicole Shorter*, Chris Tsuji*, Jay Van Rein*, Sean Veling*, Myrna Villegas*,
Ed Williams*

*Denotes attendance via web conference or teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini and PD Advisory Task Force Chairperson
Judy Zaninovich called the joint meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Craig Hanes conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS
Board (Board) and the PD Advisory Task Force (Task Force). Quorums were present for
both the Board and the Task Force.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked
attendees for their participation.

Task Force Chairperson Judy Zaninovich welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked
attendees for their participation.

PDCP Statewide Coordinator Craig Hanes welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked attendees for their participation. Craig introduced Environmental Program Manager I (Supervisor) Michelle Phillips as the newest member of the Pierce's Disease Control Program team. Michelle joins the PDCP by way of the CDFA Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services division where she worked on implementing regulations, including registration and THC content sampling, for the cultivation of California hemp product. Michelle will be responsible for PDCP's oversight and management of statewide inspection, regulatory, and enforcement activities in California's northern and central regions.

Craig announced the retirement of University of California, Davis Foundation Plant Services Director, Cooperative Extension Specialist, and Pierce's Disease Advisory Task Force member Dr. Deborah Golino effective July 1, 2021. Craig thanked Dr. Golino for her years of dedicated service to California's winegrape growers and noted plans for the presentation of a certificate of appreciation signed by himself and CDFA Secretary Karen Ross.

PD/GWSS BOARD AND ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Craig Hanes provided an update on Board and Task Force membership. Craig said that the Board currently has 14 members, that all 14 winegrape grower, producer, and producer/processor positions are filled, and that one public member vacancy will hopefully be filled by the next Board and Task Force meeting.

Judy Zaninovich introduced and welcomed Napa County Agricultural Commissioner Tracy Cleveland, Kern County Agricultural Commissioner Glenn Fankhauser, California Citrus Mutual Director of Governmental Affairs Alyssa Houtby, independent pest control advisor Martin Mochizuki, and University of California, Davis Professor of Plant Pathology Dr. Neil McRoberts as the Task Force's newest members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE LOCATION

Craig Hanes announced that PDCP's Sacramento headquarters office will be relocating from 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive to CDFA's headquarters office at 1220 N Street in Sacramento later this year. The date of relocation is to be determined but is expected to occur prior to the next Board and Task Force meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Domonic Rossini asked the Board for a motion to approve the minutes from the joint Board and Task Force meeting held on April 19, 2021.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve the minutes from the joint Board and Task Force meeting held on April 19, 2021.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Rich Hammond* Second: Irwin*
In Favor: Bitter*, Coleman*, Drayton*, Rich Hammond*, Heinzen*, Irwin*,
Lange*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*, Rossini, Schwebs*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bill Hammond, Harkey, Hoxsey-Onysko

Judy Zaninovich asked the Task Force for a motion to approve the minutes from the joint Board and Task Force meeting held on April 19, 2021.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Task Force to approve the minutes from the joint Board and Task Force meeting held on April 19, 2021.

Details of Task Force Vote

Motion: Stone-Smith* Second: Mochizuki*
In Favor: Fankhauser*, Fisher*, Mochizuki*, Stone-Smith*, Zaninovich*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Cleveland, Houtby**, Peltier

** Not present for this action item

NEXT MEETING

The next Board and Task Force meeting was set for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in Sacramento and will begin at 10:00 AM.

FISCAL UPDATES

USDA California Assistant State Plant Health Director Beth Stone-Smith reported on the federal funding for the program. As reported during the April 19th Board and Task Force meeting, Beth confirmed that the glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) program has received its full funding amount of \$15.5M which is in place and available for use. Beth said that her leadership is currently undergoing internal planning processes for the start of FY 2022 on October 1st and are awaiting updates regarding House and Senate approval of a federal budget. Beth said that she does not anticipate any program budget decreases to occur at this time.

Craig Hanes presented the financial update for the PDCP. Craig reported general funds in the amount of \$1.7M being last available during FY 2019-2020, FY 2020-2021 federal funds budgeted at \$17.1M and year to date at \$12.8M, reserve funds budgeted at \$100,000 and year to date at \$75,000, Board funds budgeted at \$2.1M and year to date at \$1.1M, and other funds at \$600,000 as contributed by the Consolidated Central Valley Table Grape Pest and Disease Control District (CCVTGPDCD) during the September 2020 Board and Task Force meeting to match the Board's \$600,000 contribution for area-wide treatments, with year to date at \$151,000.

Craig said that FY 2020-2021 expenditures included personal services budgeted at \$3.5M and year to date at \$2.6M, operating expenses budgeted at \$1.9M and year to date at \$1.6M, county workplans budgeted at \$9.2M and year to date at \$6.4M, area-wide programs budgeted at \$3.7M and year to date at \$2.5M, urban rapid response treatments budgeted at \$1.2M and year to date at \$696,000, and nursery treatments budgeted at \$300,000 and year to date at \$246,000.

Craig said that the total projected budget for FY 2020-2021 is \$19.9M with year to date at \$14.1M.

Matthew Kaiser presented the fiscal update for the Board. Matthew reported no changes in FY 2019-2020 revenues or expenditures since the April 19th Board and Task Force meeting. For FY 2020-2021 revenues and expenditures, Matthew reported carryover budgeted at \$10.9M and projected at \$12.1M, assessment and interest revenues budgeted

at \$3.9M, year to date at \$2.6M, and projected at \$2.9M, expenditures budgeted at \$7.8M, year to date at \$3.2M, and projected at \$5.3M, and a net balance budgeted at end of FY at \$6.9M, year to date at \$11.5M, and projected at \$9.6M.

Matthew said that the Board's future FY obligations would be presented in further detail during the Board's proposed budget review which would include previously approved research projects, the remaining two years of Brown-Miller's public outreach contract, and Board-funded nursery treatments.

For expenditure detail, Matthew reported an unspent \$4,000 for symposium and conference support, associated specifically with a cancelled American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) conference on grapevine pests that the Board elected to sponsor, an unspent \$200,000 budgeted for the Board's currently vacant Research Coordinator position, an expenditure of \$11,392 of a budgeted \$20,000 for website remediation related to required Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards updates for reformatting of Board hosted symposium reports, nursery treatments budgeted at \$300,000 and year to date at \$246,000, Red Blotch monitoring budgeted at \$166,000 and year to date at \$123,000, zero current FY expenditures related to the grower vote, reserve for new projects budgeted at \$500,000 with no out of cycle projects occurring this FY and no related expenditures, the Board's public outreach contract budgeted at \$200,000 and year to date at \$111,000, county programs and PDCP operations (urban rapid response treatments) budgeted at \$1.2M and year to date at \$696,000, contingency for county backfill budgeted at \$2M and year to date at \$151,000, agricultural supplies budgeted at \$25,000 with no expenditures to date, Task Force travel and per diem budgeted at \$10,000 with no expenditures to date, and administration costs budgeted at \$267,000 and year to date at \$144,000, for a total of budgeted expenses at \$7.8M and year to date expenses at \$3.2M.

RESEARCH PROGRAM UPDATE

Craig Hanes reported on the status of the Board's research program. Craig reminded attendees that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for the vacant Research Coordinator position and that one application was received which scored too low for hiring consideration, that the Board requested re-issue of the RFP which coincided with Matthew Kaiser joining the PDCP and, after a review of the RFP's scope of work by Matthew, it was successfully re-issued this year. Craig said that one proposal has been received in response to the re-issued RFP and has scored high enough to be considered for the Board's approval.

Craig provided fiscal breakdown for the received Research Coordinator proposal to include \$101,000 allotted for FY 2021-2022, \$103,000 allotted for FY 2022-2023, and \$107,000 allotted for FY 2023-2024, for a total fiscal allotment of \$310,000 over three years.

Domonic Rossini inquired on the accuracy of a previously allotted Research Coordinator position budget of \$200,000.

Craig said that a budget of \$200,000 was projected in the Board's budget around this time a year ago, but the received proposal came in at almost half of what was projected per year.

Domonic Rossini asked the Board for a motion to approve a recommendation for the establishment of a Research Coordinator contract totaling \$310,884.81 over the next three FYs.

- It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve a recommendation for the establishment of a Research Coordinator contract totaling \$310,884.81 over the next three FYs.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Aaron Lange* Second: Jeff Bitter*
In Favor: Bitter*, Coleman*, Drayton*, Rich Hammond*, Heinzen*, Irwin*,
Lange*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*, Rossini, Schwebs*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bill Hammond, Harkey, Hoxsey-Onysko

UGMVE WEBSITE UPDATE

Matthew Kaiser provided an update on the status of the Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology (UGMVE) website, hosted by the University of California, Davis Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR). Matthew reminded attendees of the April 19, 2021 Board and Task Force meeting that the Board and other funding organizations, to include the American Vineyard Foundation, Oregon Wine Board, and the Washington Wine and Table Grape Commission, have previously advertised Requests for Proposals (RFP) on the UGMVE site, and that the UGMVE site has historically been maintained by staff working with Task Force member Deborah Golino. Matthew said that, with Deborah's upcoming retirement and staff currently assigned to maintaining the UGMVE website being reassigned elsewhere, the site has been taken down and is currently inaccessible. Matthew said that Dr. Neil McRoberts has been assisting with researching site hosting options, as summarized in a handout provided for this meeting. Matthew said that efforts surrounding further identifying and implementing site hosting options would be assigned to the new Research Coordinator, and recommended that the new Research Coordinator weigh in on determining future decisions related to the site's hosting once the position is filled.

Dr. Neil McRoberts provided detailed information pertaining to alternatives for long term provision of the UGMVE website, which included two options. Option one involves transferring the existing website and database code to a commercial provider which, once the site is re-established, includes an estimated \$100 per month maintenance and administration fee. Option two involves the development and hosting of a new website using up-to-date coding, which includes an estimated \$150-200 monthly maintenance fee.

Aaron Lange asked about other research organizations aside from the Board that are participating in the use of the UGMVE website and if any are providing financial support for the future hosting or redevelopment of the site.

Craig Hanes said that the budgeted cost for hosting and maintaining the UGMVE website has been historically included within the Research Coordinator RFP contract, and that funds have been allotted for this purpose within this year's Research Coordinator budget line item. Craig seconded Matthew's recommendation for the new Research Coordinator to be allowed the opportunity to evaluate available hosting options once hired.

Aaron Lange expressed concern over the UGMVE website being inaccessible to the Board and other funding organizations for an undetermined timeframe.

Dr. Neil McRoberts said that UC Davis staff are available to provide copies of previously submitted proposals and other website related data to participating funding organizations upon request, and that unfortunately offering continued access to the website is not an available option due to upgraded security measures being implemented by UC Davis. Dr. McRoberts said that one available option to provide short term availability is to provide a copy of website and database data to a private contractor, provided the Board expresses interest in having the website accessible while the previously detailed options are being explored for implementation.

PD/GWSS BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022

Matthew Kaiser presented the Board's proposed budget for FY 2021-2022. Matthew began by outlining budget items approved prior to the April 21, 2021 Board and Task Force meeting to include multi-year research projects, nursery treatments, and outreach contractor allocations totaling \$1.1M for FY 2021-2022 with allocations for future FYs totaling \$459,000.

Matthew discussed budget items approved during the April 21, 2021 Board and Task Force meeting to include new research projects totaling \$1.6M for FY 2021-2022 and \$550,000 for future FYs, for a total of \$2.7M allocated for FY 2021-2022, and \$1M allocated for future FYs.

Matthew continued by presenting new budget items for the Board's consideration to include several items previously discussed during this meeting's fiscal updates: Research Coordinator position at \$100,000 with \$209,000 allocated for future FYs, symposium and conference support at \$5,000, website remediation at \$40,000, and \$20,000 for UGVME website replacement as presented during this meeting by Dr. Neil McRoberts. Additional previously discussed allocations included reserve for new projects at \$500,000, county programs and PDCP operations (urban rapid response treatments) at \$1.2M, contingency for county backfill at \$2M, agricultural supplies at \$25,000, Task Force travel and per diem at \$10,000, and administration costs at \$267,000, for a total of \$4.1M allocated for FY 2021-2022, \$210,000 allocated for future FYs, and total budgeted FY 2021-2022 expenditures at \$6.9M.

Matthew added that projected carryover for FY 2020-2021 end is at \$9.6M, projected carryover for FY 2021-2022 end is at \$2.7M, desired carryover for FY 2021-2022 end is \$5M, projected revenue needed to achieve a \$5M FY 2021-2022 carryover is \$2.2M, and projected revenue needed to cover future FY obligations and secure a \$5M carryover is \$3.4M.

Domonic Rossini asked the Board for a motion to approve a recommended budget totaling \$6.9M for FY 2021-2022.

- After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board to approve a recommended budget totaling \$6,933,815 for FY 2021-2022. This budget includes items that were previously approved, totaling \$2,765,842, and new items that were recommended for approval at this meeting, totaling \$4,167,973.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Randy Heinzen* Second: Steve McIntyre*
In Favor: Bitter*, Coleman*, Drayton*, Rich Hammond*, Heinzen*, Irwin*,
Lange*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*, Rossini, Schwebs*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bill Hammond, Harkey, Hoxsey-Onysko

ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2021 HARVEST

Board members discussed the likely value of the 2021 winegrape crop and the assessment rate that would be needed to cover anticipated expenses and maintain a prudent reserve. It was estimated that the 2021 crop would be slightly higher in value to the 2020 crop.

- After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Board that the assessment rate for winegrapes harvested and crushed in 2021 remain at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of value.

Details of Board Vote

Motion: Jim Ledbetter Second: Jeff Bitter*

In Favor: Bitter*, Coleman*, Drayton*, Rich Hammond*, Heinzen*, Irwin*,
Lange*, Ledbetter, McIntyre*, Rossini, Schwebs*

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bill Hammond, Harkey, Hoxsey-Onysko

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY UPDATE

CDFA Plant Health and Pest Prevention Division Assistant Director Andrew Cline provided an update on current spotted lanternfly (SLF) outreach, education, and training efforts. Andrew said that the Plant Health Division will be providing various trainings for state and county personnel via the annual Pest Prevention University event in which SLF will continue to be a focal and highlighted pest of interest. Detection training for CDFA Pest Exclusion staff will be given to various high-risk inspectors, border station patrol staff, and others. Multiple Plant Health Division staff are participating in USDA Western Plant Board and National Plant Board meetings on various SLF activities with the intention of staying up to date on current federal, national, and regional activities occurring with various SLF programs. CDFA's Plant Quarantine Manual will be updated and the continued distribution of county advisory letters will occur. California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association (CACASA) related committees will be updated and outreach efforts for external stakeholders will continue via CDFA public press releases and website updates. Continuation of ongoing commercial and non-commercial interstate and highway border station inspections will occur. Cargo inspections via the Japanese beetle air inspection program will include inspection for SLF.

Andrew said that, with regard to CDFA's state exterior quarantine, the public comment period has closed and smooth passage is expected through the Office of Administration Law, and establishment of an exterior quarantine is likely to occur within approximately one month.

Andrew said that, with regard to the statewide survey conducted in August and September 2020 which included 142 site observations, no SLF were found. The Plant Health Division will conduct another statewide survey during the same timeframe in 2021 which will include an anticipated 400 to 600 sites.

Andrew said that a partnership with the University of California and other researchers has been established to develop and deploy a training module for master gardeners that will include metrics for determining the module's effectiveness.

Andrew said that the Plant Health Division is investigating conducting host specificity testing for SLF, developing risk-based maps and models to forecast the establishment of SLF in California, pathway analysis from infested areas on the east coast, mapping crop species at risk of SLF infestation and distribution in California, and determining the

suitability of specialty fruit and nut crops as a host for SLF nymphs and adults. The Plant Health Division is working with PDCP to develop additional outreach materials with Brown-Miller Communications which are intended for distribution to multiple audiences.

Andrew added that the Plant Health Division is engaged in efforts to work with Caltrans regarding identification of potential railway transportation liabilities.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION UPDATE

Nicole Shorter of Brown-Miller Communications provided an update on recent outreach and education activities. Nicole said that a draft of the summer newsletter has been distributed to over 7,000 winegrape growers, industry stakeholders, and legislators, which includes articles regarding research project funding and tips for managing grapevine Red Blotch Disease, and that the monthly e-newsletter has been distributed to over 1,200 winegrape growers and other stakeholders.

Nicole said that this meeting's handouts include a collection of newsclips related to PD and other designated pests and diseases, as well as links to extensive coverage of Dr. Andrew Walker's PD resistant grapevines and upcoming retirement.

Nicole said that the development of SLF outreach materials is in progress and that a draft of a SLF fact sheet has been distributed among this meeting's handouts with the intended goal of informing winegrape growers of SLF as an invasive pest and providing visual identification information and instructions for reporting SLF sightings to CDFA. Nicole said that this fact sheet design will be carried over to other communication tools to include a brochure, wrap card, postcard, retractable banners, a flyer, and various advertisements for use during grower outreach activities and events, as well as a digital toolkit to be made available for partners, stakeholders, and other CDFA entities. Nicole said that the creation of a SLF informational video is in progress with the intention of being added to the Board's website and the communications toolkit to help familiarize the winegrape industry and public with SLF. Nicole said that these outreach and education materials will be available in English and Spanish.

AREA-WIDE PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Beth Stone-Smith provided a status update on area-wide program activities taking place in Riverside, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern counties. Beth introduced herself to new attendees as the federal representative associated with the PD/GWSS program and collaborative developer of area-wide treatment programs. Beth provided details surrounding the purpose, methodology, and execution of these programs. Beth said that, with regard to current date and stage of GWSS biology, egg masses are hatching, nymphal instars are developing, and the first generation of adults are now being detected in the field.

Beth reported no GWSS detection for the Coachella region of Riverside County and said that reporting for this region may be discontinued during future Board and Task Force meetings.

Beth reported 29 GWSS trapped to date in Temecula, Riverside County, a region comprised of approximately 1,600 acres of citrus and 1,300 acres of winegrapes, which included 95 GWSS trapped during this same time in the previous year.

Beth said that there have been no GWSS identified in Madera County to date, and that some finds are expected based on having identified 34 last year.

Beth said that new treatment coordinators are in place in the Fresno region who are new to the area, that trap finds are minimal so far this year, and that discussions are taking place

with CDFA to determine whether or not to transition from a spot treatment plan to a more cohesive and comprehensive fall treatment program this year.

Beth reported 1,477 GWSS trapped to date in Tulare County, with some related activity including overwintering adults becoming active early in the season, and almost 2,000 GWSS trapped during this time last year.

For the Kern County Highway 65 region, Beth said that, despite increasing amounts of organic citrus in this area, trap numbers appear to be decreasing from last year, and that trap data has been very high in recent previous years. Beth said that, for Kern County's Northern Zone/General Beale region, just over 5,000 GWSS have been trapped to date, with 10,000 trapped during this time last year, and that a total of 141,000 GWSS were trapped throughout Kern County in 2020.

PDCP STAFF REPORTS

Stacie Oswald provided updates on program activities for the period of January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 to include nursery stock shipment numbers, nursery stock approved treatment program numbers, and detection and rapid response information. Stacie said that, since the April 2021 Board and Task Force meeting, all county trainings have been completed to include GWSS biology, trapping, nursery inspections, and SLF identification.

Stacie said that there were 15,292 nursery stock shipments from the GWSS generally infested areas to non-infested areas of the state. Shipments were up by 806 compared to the same timeframe in 2020. No viable life stages have been detected during destination inspections year to date. Origin county inspectors have stopped one adult, one nymph, and six egg masses from moving in nursery stock shipments.

Stacie reported that there were 4,590 ATP shipments consisting of approximately 990,158 plants. The total number of ATP shipments and plants for the same timeframe in 2020 was 3,590 and 958,918, respectively. No regulatory actions have been taken year to date against any ATP nurseries for viable life stages.

For detection and rapid response updates, Stacie said that the PDCP continues to work closely with the Fresno County agricultural commissioner's office with conducting urban treatments, that treatments are underway in the Sanger-Trimmer Springs and Kings Canyon areas, and that Fresno County and the PDCP are tentatively scheduling a virtual public meeting in early July for the communities of Westside-Fresno and Kerman. Once the meeting has taken place, treatments may occur in these areas.

Stacie said that the PDCP continues to work closely with the Madera County agricultural commissioner's office with conducting urban treatments, and that between April and mid-June, treatments were conducted in the Madera Ranchos and Bonadelle Ranchos Nine communities in response to previous GWSS finds.

Stacie said that the PDCP continues to work closely with the Tulare County agricultural commissioner's office with conducting urban treatments. Treatments have occurred in the city of Exeter this spring in response to GWSS detections. Tulare County and the PDCP are tentatively scheduling a virtual public meeting in late July for the community of Visalia. Once the meeting has taken place, treatments may occur in this area.

OTHER ITEMS

California Association of Winegrape Growers Director of Government Relations Michael Miiller said that, due to encountering recent budgetary challenges they, with involvement of industry partners at the Wine Institute, Family Winemakers, and the California Farm Bureau, have requested a budget increase of \$30M for the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) with the intention of applying \$21M toward filling cooperative extension positions to include 120 advisors, \$9M toward programmatic support, and \$2.6M toward business operations. Michael thanked CDFA Secretary Ross and all involved industry partners for their participation with this process.

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairperson Domonic Rossini and Task Force Chairperson Judy Zaninovich adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted on October 13, 2021 by
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Pierce's Disease Control Program
California Department of Food and Agriculture