

# Seed Services Recent Activities

May 5, 2021

Seed Advisory Board Meeting

# Registration and Assessment

- ▶ 648 Firms registered in 20/21
  - ▶ plus 224 “Doing Business As”
    - ▶ 369 California Firms
    - ▶ 262 Out of State Firms
    - ▶ 17 international Firms

# License and Assessments Paid 20/21

- ▶ Licenses and late fees- \$27,256
- ▶ Assessments- \$2,104,587
- ▶ Late Assessment Penalty- \$21,604
  
- ▶ **Total Income-** **\$2,194,107**

# Seed Services Staff Changes

- ▶ Environmental Scientist -Southern District retired August 2020
  - ▶ Position was filled December 2020
- ▶ Environmental Scientist -Central District left June 2020
  - ▶ Position was filled December 28, 2022
  
- ▶ We are back to full staff:
- ▶ 1 Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor
- ▶ 1 Associate Governmental Program Analyst
- ▶ 4 Environmental Scientists

# Seed Law Enhancement Program (SLEP)

54 Counties participating in SLEP

130 Firms added to the County inspection lists

3 Seed Law Labeling Training Webinars

215 county personnel from 39 counties participated

# Industry outreach needed regarding “Changes in Lot”

- ▶ **FAC 52257.5.** “Conditioner” means any person who cleans, scarifies, or blends to obtain uniform quality, or who conducts other operations which would change the purity, germination, or identity of any lot of seed, including, but not limited to, packaging, labeling, blending together of uniform lots of the same kind or variety, or the preparation of a mixture.
- ▶ **FAC 52254.5.** “Labeler” means any person whose name and address appears on the label pertaining to or attached to a lot or container of agricultural or vegetable seed, or both agricultural and vegetable seed, for sale and distribution within the state.
- ▶ **FAC 52354.** Each person who is required to be registered pursuant to Section 52351 shall pay an assessment annually to the secretary in an amount not to exceed forty cents (\$0.40) per one hundred dollars (\$100) gross annual dollar volume sales of agricultural or vegetable seed, or both, in this state for the preceding fiscal year defined in Section 52352, except in the following cases:  
(a) No assessment shall be paid by any labeler or any other person for any agricultural or vegetable seed for which the assessment has been previously paid by another labeler or person, unless the identity of the lot has been changed.

# Ongoing topics

- ▶ Changes in Lot
- ▶ Hemp Versus Cannabis Seed
- ▶ Online seed sellers
- ▶ Seed Assessment auditing
- ▶ County Staff Training
- ▶ Seed Borne Diseases -CGMMV, Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus