

NIPM Item # 4.6

ANNUAL ACREAGE UPDATE FOR NURSERY INSPECTION CONTRACTS

The counties are requested to provide an update annually of the nursery production acreage, for preparation of the nursery inspection contracts. This information is generally required by the first week of March. The counties must report the total nursery production acreage they anticipate to inspect during the coming fiscal year so that contract amounts can be calculated and submitted to CDFA Contracts Office for processing. The contracts will then be prepared and distributed to the counties for the required signatures. After all signatures are obtained, the contracts will be returned to the Contracts Office for finalization before the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Contract acreage is divided into two categories:

Type 1: Nonturf plants for planting and/or growing, including nursery stock for farm and landscape planting, ornamentals in containers, and potted plants;

Type 2: Turf, cut flowers*, and cut greens.

(Do not include cut flower acreage qualifying for the acreage fee exemption.)*

Specifically, **DO NOT** include in calculating contract acreage if acreage is used for:

Nursery stock in the first year of a two-year production cycle;

Plant materials in parent stock or propagative stock beds or blocks that are not to be inspected; and

Nursery stock entered in one of the State's registration and certification (R&C) programs that is inspected by CDFA staff. (Please note, however, that if a nursery has both R&C and non-R&C acreage, inspection of the non-R&C acreage is the responsibility of the county.)

Additionally, do not include in the estimates, acreage anticipated for trim shed inspections, as these are not nursery regulatory inspections and cannot be reimbursed through the nursery inspection contracts.

Estimates must include only actual production acreage in each category. Do not use the acreage figures that appear on the listing of nurseries provided to you by CDFA, because the printout figures may include non-production acreage. The counties may need to verify acreage by calling or visiting the nurseries.

* Assembly Bill 1477 passed by the Legislature, effective January 1, 2000, provides an exemption from acreage fees for nurseries whose gross income from the production of cut flowers and cut ornamentals is 75% or greater of the gross income of their nursery. However, those nurseries are still required to pay the basic license fee.

Nurseries that qualify for the cut flower/cut ornamental production acreage-fee exemption does not need to be inspected and should not be included in the acreage estimates for the contract.