



Legislative Update June 2026

Air Quality

AB 1777 (Garcia) Indirect Source Rule - Expands CARB regulatory authority to regulate any building, facility, real property and more based on equipment and vehicle emissions they do not own, operate or control.

Status: Did not come up for an Assembly vote due to lack of support.

Position: Oppose

Water

AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan) Nitrates & water

Mandates agriculture to “not cause or contribute” to nitrate exceedances from fertilizer by 2030—an unachievable standard not based in science. The ag community shares the goal of protecting groundwater and ensuring safe drinking water. However, AB 2447 takes an unworkable approach when comprehensive state programs already exist to protect groundwater.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee and not moving forward.

Position: Oppose

AB 2215 (Calderon) – State Water Project (SWP)

Full development of the SWP's water rights is hampered by obstacles beyond the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) control, and DWR's petition to develop existing water rights was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board 15 years ago. AB 2215 provides DWR until 2045 to develop its water rights and helps address water availability and affordability for many while maintaining environmental protections and public involvement.

Status: Passed Assembly and pending Senate committee referral.

Position: Support

Labor

AB 2646 (Krell)

Implements an hourly wage of \$19.75 per hour for certain ag workers commencing on January 1, 2027, and annually adjusted based on CPI. The current bill language would cover H-2A workers and individuals working for the same employer as the H-2A workers and who are working in the same county as the H-2A workers.

Status: Passed the Assembly and awaiting Senate committee referral.

Position: Oppose

Pesticides

AB 1603 (Shultz) Pesticides Containing PFAS

Prevents any new PFAS pesticides from being approved in CA starting in January 2027. Designates all PFAS pesticides as restricted materials by 2028. The bill departs from California's proven, science-based regulatory system and will create unintended consequences. The author committed to making future amendments to: 1) remove language that bans a certain set of PFAS pesticides by 2030, 2) eliminate the language to ban any remaining PFAS pesticides by 2035, 3) no longer ban any PFAS pesticides that are currently registered and used in California, and 4) no longer ban PFAS pesticides pending in the registration process at DPR.

Status: Approved by the Assembly and pending Senate committee referral.

Position: Oppose

Recycled Content

AB 2253 (Boerner) Environmental Marketing Claims

Mandates that a recycled content claim for a product be based on the actual physical recycled content used in the production of the product without the use of credit-based mass balance accounting. Calculated methods may include use of a segregated model, controlled blending model, and rolling average percentage, without the use of credit-based mass balance accounting. This measure covers all products and would include packaging used in food and agriculture.

Status: Passed the Assembly and awaiting Senate committee referral.

Position: Oppose

Dairy

SB 919 (Grayson) Biomethane

Extends a biomethane incentive program at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) through 2030, beyond the current 2026 authorization for the program. Authorizes the CPUC to allow up to \$50 million in additional funding for the program with \$10 million of that authorized for dairy biomethane projects.

Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee and not moving forward.

Position: Support

SB 1033 (Padilla) Protein Products

Requires a manufacturer of a bulk protein product or a packaged protein product to test the product for heavy metals by 2028. A manufacturer and brand owner would be mandated to provide test results to the California Department of Public Health upon their request. By 2028, requires a brand owner of a packaged protein product to disclose heavy metal testing information.

Status: Held in Senate Appropriations Committee and not proceeding this year.

Position: Oppose

Pests, Disease & Invasive Species

AB 230 (Ransom) - Pest control; Pierce's disease

Extends the operation of the Pierce's Disease Control Program to 2036 to combat Pierce's disease and its vectors. AB 230 will likely be amended to address deficiencies in the referendum process (farmers vote to approve the program every five years by mail), as well as tackle other virulent pests and diseases.

Status: Pending consideration in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Position: Support

AB 2143 (Irwin) – Noxious Weeds

Addresses an enforcement gap relating to the online sale of invasive and noxious weeds by third party sellers, by prohibiting an online marketplace from facilitating the sale or shipment of a noxious weed for delivery in the state and requires CDFA to enforce this prohibition. The bill sets penalties for violations by an online marketplace between \$25,000 and \$75,000.

Status: Approved by the Assembly and awaiting a Senate Ag Committee hearing and a hearing in the Privacy, Digital Technology, and Consumer Protection Committee.

Position: Support

Antitrust

AB 1776 (Aguiar-Curry) Cartwright Act

Adopts the California Law Revision Commission's recommended updates to the Cartwright Act to address single firm anticompetitive conduct. The measure upends a century of antitrust case law and creates legal liability for California businesses to be sued for common business practices, such as setting prices.

Status: Passed by the Assembly and pending Senate committee referral.

Position: Oppose

Food Ingredients & Ultra-processed Food (UPF)

AB 2034 (Addis)

Deems a food additive or dietary ingredient unsafe unless it meets certain conditions, such as compliance with notice requirements to the California Department of Public Health, public listing, or successful review through the federal Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) voluntary "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) Notification Program.

Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee and not moving forward.

Position: Oppose

AB 2244 (Gabriel) UPF Certification & Seal

By June 2028, requires CDPH to accredit certification agents that can certify food and beverage products as "Non-Ultraprocessed Certified." Mandates the creation of a standardized "Non-Ultraprocessed Certified" seal. The seal can be voluntarily used

by food and beverage producers, and the bill does not require use of the seal by food manufacturers.

Status: Passed Assembly and awaits Senate committee referral.

Position: Oppose

Technology & Pricing Data

SB 295 (Hurtado) Pricing algorithms

Broadly bans the ability of businesses to use data generated via pricing algorithms and prohibits the use of data helping agricultural producers, processors and countless businesses negotiate contracts and determine prices. Such data is essential to making business decisions, and pricing algorithms are used to help many in agriculture stay competitive in the market and ensure farmers receive a fair price.

The bill creates ambiguity and liability concerns with severe penalties for violations.

Status: Failed passage in the Assembly in 2025 and granted reconsideration. Bill could be considered this summer.

Position: Oppose

****Please note, this is an abbreviated list of bills and is not a comprehensive list of all legislation pending in the State Legislature that affects food and agriculture.*