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Staff of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, among many activities, enforce laws and regulations regarding pesticide use by hundreds of growers and licensed pest control companies operating within the county. We inspect thousands of termite fumigations and pesticide applications, providing protection to workers, residents, animals, native plants, and the environment. We protect businesses following laws and regulations from unfair competition by those operating out of compliance. Last year, we investigated 275 complaints of pesticide misuse, taking corrective action where necessary and ensuring that negligent activities do not continue. Annually, about 35,000 fumigations are conducted in homes, businesses, and schools, making our regulatory program vital to the well-being of residents and pest control workers, alike.

The best way to fight pests is preventing them from entering in the first place. Our inspectors and highly trained detector dogs work together to intercept exotic pests through regular inspections of airports, express carriers, post offices, nurseries, and truck deliveries. Our dog teams sniff out unlabeled shipments of plant material that might otherwise go undetected. Last year, we processed nearly 4,000 insect specimens through our Entomology Laboratory to protect gardens, native plants, and commercial agriculture from pest infestations.

The people of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures are on the job, making Los Angeles County a safe place to live, work, do business, and enjoy the rich bounty of our County and State.