

AB 1135 (Agriculture)

Agricultural products

(as amended April 21, 2015)

SUMMARY

AB 1135 makes corrections to the Citrus Pests and Disease Management Program (CPDMP) and the Certified Farmers' Market (CFM).

BACKGROUND

During the 2013-14 Legislative Session, two bills moved through and were signed into law, that later were discovered to have omissions and errors in them. AB 1135 makes the additions and the corrections.

Last year's SB 1018 (De León) placed restrictions on California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) management of CPDMP by limiting their reimbursements to "reasonable costs." This bill removes the term "reasonable" so that all CDFA's related program costs are reimbursed by CPDMP.

Last year's AB 1871 (Dickinson) rewrote and updated the provisions for CFMs, increased the fees, expanded the violations, strengthened enforcement and restricted the sale of agricultural products in ancillary markets adjacent to a CFM; all at the request of the CFM managers and participating farmers. In reviewing this statute, it has been discovered that there were errors in the language, which this bill, AB 1135 (Agriculture) corrects.

Those corrections are as follows:

- 1) Cultivated mushrooms and herbs were omitted as prohibited agricultural products for sale in non-CFMs; and,
- 2) The registration process for certifying a farmer was missing the oversight of the county agricultural commissioner (CAC).

This bill simply corrects these two mistakes.

THIS BILL

This bill makes additions and clarifying corrections to the statutes. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Deletes the term "reasonable" so that all of CDFA's related CPDMP costs are reimbursed;
- 2) Adds cultivated mushrooms and herbs to the products list that are prohibited to sell in adjacent non-CFMs; and,
- 3) Corrects the certification or renewal requirements for a farmer to be certified to sell at a CFM, by requiring the farmer to submit to CAC in the county where the land or facility is located, the crops that the farmer plans to harvest.

SUPPORT

Certified Farmers' Markets of Sacramento
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OPPOSITION

None on file.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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