



# GROWER RESOURCE GUIDE: PESTICIDE INFORMATION

*The San Joaquin Sustainable Farming Project has created a grower resource guide to help growers navigate useful topics and ideas and sustainable practices from on-line resources. Each topic contains general information and where to find current and pertinent materials and web links to that information. We hope you will find these documents worthwhile and convenient to use.*

For all three crops included in the SJSFP project (alfalfa, almonds and cotton), the best and most complete source of information on pesticide use for each crop is through the [UC Statewide IPM Program](#). It provides practical information on pest management techniques and identification for a broad range of California agricultural pests. This resource promotes the careful use of pesticides and stresses the importance of proper pest identification and use of management practices that may reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides. It lists only those pesticides specifically suggested by the authors as being effective against the pest and compatible with the goals of the integrated pest management program.

The [UC IPM Pest Management Guidelines](#) (PMGs) are available for many agricultural crops (alfalfa, almonds and cotton are available) and are authored primarily by UC scientists. Pest Management Guidelines are updated annually as needed to keep pesticides and other management information current, and Pest Management Guidelines for each crop are thoroughly reviewed/revised at least every five years.

The Pest Management Guidelines for many crops also feature a [Year-Round IPM Program Annual Checklist](#) section (available for alfalfa, almonds and cotton), which suggests appropriate observations and management techniques for common pests in each season. Year-Round IPM Program information is compiled from the corresponding Pest Management Guideline, but arranged chronologically. Year-Round IPM Programs are also peer-reviewed by experts, and, once created, they are updated along with the corresponding Pest Management Guidelines.

See also the [Pesticide Choice Worksheets](#) generated by SJSFP for use by the enrolled growers. They help growers make informed pesticide choices and weigh the risks of the chemicals against water, air and human health conditions.