

**Summary of Illness/Injury Incidents
Reported in California as Potentially Related to Pesticide Exposure
Summarized Statewide and by County of Occurrence¹
2001**

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/ Unknown	Agricultural	Non- Agricultural
TOTALS							
Definite	131	98	14	1	18	20	111
Probable	299	71	103	40	85	84	215
Possible	186	21	38	69	58	88	98
Unlikely	50	2	2	23	23	10	40
Asymptomatic	51	4	7	6	34	5	46
Unrelated	103	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	127	0	0	0	0	0	0
OVERALL	979	196	164	139	218	207	510
COUNTY⁵							
ALAMEDA							
Definite	3	1	1	1	0	0	3
Probable	6	0	1	3	2	0	6
Possible	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
Unlikely	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMADOR							
Possible	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
BUTTE							
Definite	6	6	0	0	0	0	6
Probable	5	3	1	1	0	0	5
Possible	5	1	1	3	0	3	2
Asymptomatic	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
CALAVERAS							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Possible	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLUSA							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Probable	3	1	0	0	2	2	1
Possible	4	0	3	1	0	4	0
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRA COSTA							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	3	0	2	0	1	0	3
Possible	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEL NORTE							
Probable	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Possible	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
EL DORADO							
Probable	2	0	1	0	1	0	2
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
FRESNO							
Definite	9	9	0	0	0	2	7
Probable	18	3	10	0	5	10	8
Possible	15	2	2	5	6	10	5
Unlikely	4	0	0	4	0	2	2
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
GLENN							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Possible	3	0	0	0	3	3	0
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUMBOLDT							
Possible	2	0	0	1	1	1	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
IMPERIAL							
Definite	2	2	0	0	0	1	1
Possible	5	1	1	3	0	4	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
INYO							
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
KERN							
Definite	3	2	0	0	1	0	3
Probable	13	3	4	3	3	5	8
Possible	16	1	2	9	4	14	2
Unlikely	10	0	0	4	6	0	10
Asymptomatic	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
KINGS							
Definite	5	4	1	0	0	2	3
Probable	6	0	3	1	2	3	3
Possible	6	1	5	0	0	1	5
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKE							
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
LASSEN							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOS ANGELES							
Definite	17	10	2	0	5	0	17
Probable	30	8	6	4	12	0	30
Possible	10	0	2	7	1	1	9
Unlikely	5	0	0	2	3	0	5
Asymptomatic	10	1	0	0	9	0	10
Unrelated	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADERA							
Definite	5	3	0	0	2	2	3
Probable	3	1	0	0	2	3	0
Possible	3	0	0	0	3	3	0
Insufficient	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARIN							
Probable	4	0	2	0	2	0	4
Possible	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
MENDOCINO							
Definite	2	2	0	0	0	1	1
Probable	4	0	3	0	1	0	4
Asymptomatic	5	0	3	0	2	0	5
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MERCED							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Probable	3	1	0	1	1	2	1
Possible	5	0	1	1	3	3	2
Unlikely	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Asymptomatic	3	1	0	0	2	1	2
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONO							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
MONTEREY							
Definite	2	2	0	0	0	1	1
Probable	10	2	0	8	0	9	1
Possible	7	0	3	4	0	7	0
Unlikely	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAPA							
Definite	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Probable	4	0	2	1	1	2	2
Possible	3	1	0	1	1	1	2
Unlikely	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEVADA							
Probable	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
ORANGE							
Definite	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Probable	15	4	4	2	5	1	14
Possible	3	2	1	0	0	0	3
Unlikely	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	4	1	0	0	3	0	4
Unrelated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLACER							
Probable	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLUMAS							
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
RIVERSIDE							
Definite	3	1	1	0	1	0	3
Probable	16	5	6	3	2	4	12
Possible	4	2	1	0	1	1	3
Unlikely	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACRAMENTO							
Definite	7	6	1	0	0	0	7
Probable	18	7	5	2	4	0	18
Possible	6	2	1	0	3	1	5
Unlikely	7	0	0	2	5	0	7
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	8	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
SAN BERNARDINO							
Definite	3	3	0	0	0	0	3
Probable	15	3	3	0	9	0	15
Possible	13	1	0	9	3	0	13
Unlikely	3	0	0	2	1	0	3
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Unrelated	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAN DIEGO							
Definite	8	4	2	0	2	0	8
Probable	17	5	4	0	8	0	17
Possible	5	1	1	0	3	0	5
Unlikely	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAN FRANCISCO							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	3	2	0	0	1	0	3
Possible	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAN JOAQUIN							
Definite	8	7	0	0	1	2	6
Probable	20	3	11	2	4	11	9
Possible	12	1	1	6	4	7	5
Unlikely	3	0	1	1	1	1	2
Asymptomatic	3	0	0	3	0	0	3
Unrelated	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
SAN LUIS OBISPO							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Probable	3	1	1	0	1	0	3
Possible	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unlikely	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAN MATEO							
Probable	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
Possible	5	0	0	1	4	2	3
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA BARBARA							
Probable	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Unlikely	3	0	0	3	0	1	2
Unavailable	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA CLARA							
Definite	7	6	1	0	0	0	7
Probable	5	1	3	1	0	0	5
Possible	5	1	1	1	2	0	5
Unlikely	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANTA CRUZ							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	3	0	3	0	0	3	0
SHASTA							
Definite	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probable	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
SIERRA							
Probable	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
SISKIYOU							
Definite	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
Probable	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
SOLANO							
Definite	3	2	0	0	1	0	3
Probable	4	3	0	1	0	0	4
Possible	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
SONOMA							
Definite	4	4	0	0	0	0	4
Probable	11	3	4	1	3	4	7
Possible	6	1	1	1	3	3	3
Unlikely	2	0	0	0	2	2	0
Asymptomatic	4	1	0	0	3	1	3
Unrelated	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
STANISLAUS							
Definite	3	0	1	0	2	0	3
Probable	6	1	3	0	2	0	6
Possible	7	0	2	1	4	2	5
Asymptomatic	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Unrelated	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUTTER							
Probable	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Possible	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Relationship ²	TOTAL CASES	Type Of Exposure ³				Intended Use ⁴	
		Direct Contact	Drift	Residue	Other/Unknown	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
TEHAMA							
Probable	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Possible	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
TULARE							
Definite	4	1	2	0	1	3	1
Probable	25	1	17	3	4	18	7
Possible	14	1	3	9	1	12	2
Unlikely	3	1	1	0	1	1	2
Asymptomatic	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Unrelated	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TUOLUMNE							
Possible	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
VENTURA							
Definite	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Probable	3	1	1	0	1	2	1
Possible	3	0	1	0	2	2	1
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOLO							
Definite	3	2	1	0	0	2	1
Probable	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
Possible	2	0	1	0	1	2	0
Unlikely	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Unrelated	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
YUBA							
Definite	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Probable	4	1	2	0	1	2	2
Possible	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Asymptomatic	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

1. **Source:** California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program.
The term “potentially related to pesticide exposure” refers to all cases reported to the program, some of which were later determined to be unrelated to pesticide exposure.

2. **Relationship:** Degree of correlation between pesticide exposure and resulting symptomatology.

- Definite : High degree of correlation between pattern of exposure and resulting symptomatology. Requires both medical evidence (such as measured cholinesterase inhibition, positive allergy tests, characteristic signs observed by medical professional) and physical evidence of exposure (environmental and/or biological samples, exposure history) to support the conclusions.
- Probable : Relatively high degree of correlation exists between the pattern of exposure and the resulting symptomatology. Either medical or physical evidence is inconclusive or unavailable.
- Possible : Some degree of correlation evident. Medical and physical evidence are inconclusive or unavailable.
- Unlikely : A correlation cannot be ruled out absolutely. Medical and/or physical evidence suggest a cause other than pesticide exposure.
- Indirect : Pesticide exposure is not responsible, but pesticide regulations or product label requirements contributed in some way, (e.g. heat stress while wearing chemical resistant clothing).
- Asymptomatic : Exposure occurred, but did not result in illness/injury. Cholinesterase depression without symptoms falls in this category.
- Unrelated : Definite evidence of cause other than pesticide exposure including exposures to chemicals other than pesticides. Since there is no exposure to pesticides, there are no entries under “Type of Exposure” or “Intended Use.”
- Insufficient : The available information is inadequate to make an informed judgment on the relationship between pesticide exposure and the reported symptomatology. For submitted investigations, the investigator failed to make an adequate attempt to obtain the necessary information. Since a relationship to pesticide exposure cannot be determined, there are no entries under “Type of Exposure” or “Intended Use.”
- Unavailable : The available information is inadequate to make an informed judgement on the relationship between pesticide exposure and the reported symptomatology. For submitted investigations, the investigator made an adequate attempt to collect the necessary information, but was not able to do so (e.g., none of the parties concerned could be contacted). There usually needs to be more effort than to say the employee is not available for interview; other parties can often supply useful information. Since a relationship to pesticide exposure cannot be determined, there are no entries under “Type of Exposure” or “Intended Use.”

3. **Type of Exposure:** Characterization of how an individual came in contact with a pesticide.

- Direct Contact : An appreciable amount of pesticide contacted the individual’s body surface. This includes: 1) sprays or squirts from application equipment; 2) leaks or spills whether or not related to the application; and 3) deliberate immersion (as when cleaning implements in a basin with antimicrobials). This excludes drift exposures.
- Drift : Spray, mist, fumes, or odor carried from the target site by air. Drift must be related to an application or mix/load activity.
- Residue : The part of a pesticide that remains in the environment for a period of time following an application or drift. This includes odor after the completion of an application.
- Other/Unknown : Any of the following: 1) ingestion; 2) multiple routes of exposure; 3) residue from a spill; 4) exposure to smoke or pyrolytic products from a fire where pesticides are burning; 5) route of exposure is not known.

4. **Intended Use:** Agricultural/Non-Agricultural - Indicates whether the pesticide(s) were intended to contribute to the production of agricultural commodities.

Agricultural : The pesticide(s) were intended to contribute to the production of agricultural commodities, including livestock. This includes: 1) agricultural research facilities, 2) handling of raw agricultural commodities in packing houses, 3) drift from agricultural applications into non-agricultural areas, and 4) transportation and storage of pesticides on farm lands. It excludes forestry operations, although they are classified as agricultural for regulatory purposes. It also excludes manufacture, transportation, and storage of pesticides prior to arrival at the site of agricultural production.

Non-Agricultural : The pesticide(s) were not intended to contribute to the production of agricultural commodities. This includes: 1) residential pesticide uses, 2) structural pest control, 3) rights-of-way, 4) parks, 5) landscaped urban areas, and 6) manufacture, transportation and storage of pesticides except on farm lands.

5. **County:** Individual counties in California where the incident occurred. If a county is not listed, there were no reported illnesses for that county for the year.

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About the Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program Data

Pesticide-related illnesses have been tracked within the state of California for nearly 50 years. The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) maintains a surveillance program which records human health effects of pesticide exposure. The Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program (PISP) documents information on adverse effects from pesticide products, whether elicited by the active ingredients, inert ingredients, impurities, or breakdown products. This program maintains a database, which is utilized for evaluating the circumstances of pesticide exposures resulting in illness. This database is consulted regularly by staff who evaluate(s) the effectiveness of the DPR pesticide safety programs and recommend changes when appropriate.