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AGENDA

California Olive Committee
Inspection Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
11:00 am

San Joaquin County Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Ave.
Stockton, CA 95206

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88974953122

Meeting ID: 889 7495 3122
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I. Call to Order- Chairwoman Julia Tinsley
- a. Roll Call
- b. Inspection Subcommittee Chairwoman's Comments
- c. Approval of Previous Subcommittee Minutes: December 3, 2025 (action item) (page 3)

II. Incoming and Outgoing 2026-2027 Inspection Charts (action item) (page 7)

III. 2026 Import Inspection Report & Inspection Fees Update (page 10)

IV. COC/USDA Calibration Training (page 11)

V. USDA Failed Imported Lots Reporting Frequency Request (page 12)

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

2025-2027 Inspection Subcommittee

Producer Members:

Milo Gorden
Michael Stokes
Michael Silveira
Edward Garcia
Carolina Burreson
Rick Benson
Galen Pfeiffer

Handler Members:

Julia Tinsley- Chairwoman
Vacant
Phil Quigley
Dennis Burreson
Paul Adcock
Tomas Masanes Autard
John Pieretti
Scott Hamilton
Janet Edwards

CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE

INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2025
2:00 p.m.

California Olive Committee
2565 Alluvial Aven., Suite 152
Clovis, CA 93611

ZOOM/Conference Call
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459725294

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley called the meeting of the Inspection Subcommittee to order at 2:02 p.m., The following Inspection members were present:

a. Roll Call

Members	**Affiliation:**
Michael Stokes	Producer
Michael Silveira	Producer
Carolina Burreson	Producer
Galen Pfeiffer	Producer
Julia Tinsley	Handler
Dennis Burreson	Handler
Tomas Masanes Autard	Handler
John Pieretti	Handler

STAFF	
Todd Sanders	California Olive Committee
Michelle Borges	California Olive Committee
Mary McDonnell	California Olive Committee
Ethan Cranmer	California Olive Committee
Janette Ramos	California Olive Committee

GUESTS	
Bianca Bertrand	USDA

With a majority of the Subcommittee members present, a quorum was established.

b. USDA Antitrust Statement

Bianca Bertrand of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) spoke on the Antitrust Law and Guidelines.

c. Chairwoman's Comments

None

d. Approval of the previous minutes - ACTION

The minutes of the August 7, 2025, meeting was presented to the Board for approval.

- **MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by PFEIFFER, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of August 7, 2025, be approved as presented. (Motion 12-3-25 #1)**

II. 2025 OLIVE ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM (OERS)

The Inspection packet contained the 2025 OERS Year End Stats, and the final 2025 Season Weekly Receipt.

1. 2026 OERS objectives with Todd J.
   a. Annual Support as well as 24x7 support during the deliveries
   b. Enhancements to COC Reporting Software and troubleshooting as needed
   c. Annual cost for: Microsoft Azure Cloud Web and Database hosting servers, email, backup, SSL, domain name, security services, and software expenses
   d. Software Certification from California Type Evaluation Program (CTEP).
   e. Travel to receiving locations

III. COC/USDA INSPECTOR CALIBRATION UPDATE

Staff presented an update on the current inspection projects for the year.

On August 22, 2025, COC staff and both canners met with the USDA Western Inspection team at the San Joaquin Ag Center. Through discussions and a sample tasting, there was an overwhelming agreement on the room for improvement for the inspection of imported olives.

COC staff supplied California ripe olives to showcase the good and reasonably good flavor quality. In addition, staff supplied imported olives with good, reasonably good, and poor flavor quality to compare and contrast the two.

The USDA Inspection team is calibrating with the inspectors to distinctly understand the differences, especially with reasonably good and poor flavor.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE 2025 INSPECTION BUDGET - ACTION

For the 2026 FY, the following items are expenditures for the Inspection program.

1. Travel	-	$ 3,000
2. OERS Maintenance	-	$ 25,500
3. Optical Sizer (Misc. as needed)	-	$ 25,000

4. 2025 Weekly Receipts - $ 2,500
5. Contingency (If Needed) - $ 10,000

Staff has put together a history of previous Inspection Subcommittee Budgets.

2025 FY Line-Item Budget Breakout:
1. Travel - $ 3,000
2. OERS Maintenance - $ 25,000
3. Optical Sizer (misc. as needed) - $ 15,000
4. 2024 Weekly Receipts - $ 2,000
5. Contingency - $ 40,000

FISCAL YEAR	*2026*	*2025*	*2024*	*2023*	*2022*	*2021*
Inspect	$66,000	$85,000	$85,000	$88,000	$42,900	$48,000
Differ	$(19,000)	-	$(3,000)	$(45,100)	$(5,100)	$(7,000)

FISCAL IMPACT: $66,000 for FY 2026

- **MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by SILVEIRA, and unanimously carried THAT the Inspection Subcommittee adopt the Inspection Budget for $66,000, for the 2026 Fiscal Year. (Motion 12-3-25 #2)**

V. APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIR FOR INTER-ITEM TRANSFERS OF THE INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE BUDGET - ACTION

The Committee discussed granting authority to the Executive Director and Chair for inter-item transfers of the Inspection Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

- **MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by BURRESON, and unanimously carried THAT the Inspection Subcommittee grant authority to the Executive Director and Chair for Inter-Item Transfers of the Inspection Budget. (Motion 12-3-25 #3)**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Michelle Borges spoke on reviewing, and approving the Internal Policy Statement, the Marketing Policy Statement, and the E-compliance Plan. Michelle stated, these were approved in August 2025, but, because changes were made to update these documents, these will need to be reapproved once again in December 2025.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Julia Tinsley adjourned the Inspection Subcommittee meeting at 2:38 p.m.



Todd W. Sanders
Executive Director
California Olive Committee

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 3, 2025

MOTION 12-3-25 #1 APPROVED

MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by PFEIFFER, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of August 7, 2025, be approved as presented.

MOTION 12-3-25 #2 APPROVED

MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by SILVEIRA, and unanimously carried THAT the Inspection Subcommittee adopt the Inspection Budget for $66,000, for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

MOTION 12-3-25 #3 APPROVED

MOVED BY PIERETTI, duly seconded by BURRESON, and unanimously carried THAT the Inspection Subcommittee grant authority to the Executive Director and Chair for Inter-Item Transfers of the Inspection Budget.

****ACTION REQUIRED*****

FROM: INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: INCOMING AND OUTGOING 2026-2027 INSPECTION CHARTS

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Committee approve the 2026-2027 incoming and outgoing inspection charts.

BACKGROUND:

On March 20, 2021, the Full Committee approved revisions to the Incoming and Outgoing Inspection Requirements, effective for the 2021 crop. The changes updated size classifications and inspection tolerances in response to an oversupply of small fruit.

Please see the following pages for the current incoming and outgoing inspection charts. These changes remain in effect until the Committee decides to initiate a change.

CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE
INCOMING INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
2026-2027

U.S.Standards & Marketing Order Sizes		Acceptable Count Ranges and Mid-Points (Per Pound)							
		Variety Group 1				Variety Group 2			
		Sevillano		Ascolano**		Obliza		Mission/Manzanillo*	
Size Designation	Avg Count Range Per Pound	Acceptable Count Range	Mid Point	Acceptable Count Range	Mid Point	Acceptable Count Range	Mid Point	Acceptable Count Range	Mid Point
Undersize	226-up	Undersize 106 - UP		Undersize 181- Up		Undersize 181- Up		Undersize 206 - Up	
Sub-Petite	181-225							181-205	193
Petite	151-180			158-174	166	158-174	Ltd 166	158-174	166
Small	128-150			132-138 Ltd	135	136-140	138	132-138	135
Medium	106-127			110-122	116	110-122	116	110-122	116
Large	91-105	91-105	98	91-105	98	95-101	98	91-105	98
Extra-Large Sev "L"	76-90	82-90 Ltd	86	--	--	--	--	--	--
Extra-Large	65-90	--	--	67-85	72-80	65-88	72-80	65-88	72-80
Extra-Large Sev "C"	65-75	67-73	70	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jumbo	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60	47-60
Colossal	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46	33-46
Super Colossal	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less	32 or less

* Manzanillo includes Haas

** Ascolano includes St. Agostino and Barouni

Undersize

Limited Sizes

CALIFORNIA OLIVE COMMITTEE
OUTGOING INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
2026-2027

SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND PERCENTAGE TOLERANCES

Size Designation	SEVILLANO		ASCOLANO*		OBLIZA		MISSION/ MANZANILLO**	
Undersize	Undersize		Undersize		Undersize		Undersize	
Sub-Petite							L 35% less than 1/205	
Petite			L 35% less than 1/ 180		L 35% less than 1/ 180 lb.			
Small							C 128-150	
Medium					C 106-127		106-127	
Large	L 35% less than 1/ 105 lb.		C 91-105		91-105		91-105	
Extra Large			65-90	All sizes 5 % less than 1/ 105 lb.	65-90	All sizes 5 % less than 1/ 127 lb.	65-90	All Sizes 5 % less than 1/ 150 lb.
Extra Large	C 65-75							
Jumbo	47-60	All sizes 5% less than 1/ 75 lb.	47-60		47-60		47-60	
Colossal	33-46		33-46		33-46		33-46	
Super Colossal	32 or less		C 32 or less		C 32 or less		C 32 or less	
C	Tolerance (by count) 35% under 1/ 75 but not more than 10% under 1/ 86		Tolerance (by count) 35% under 1/ 105 but not more than 10% under 1/ 113		Tolerance (by count) 35% under 1/ 127 but not more than 7% under 1/ 138		Tolerance (by count) 35% under 1/ 150 but not more than 7% under 1/ 166	

* Ascolano includes St. Agostino and Barouni

** Includes Haas variety

L **LIMITED USE SIZE** and **PERCENTAGE TOLERANCES**

C

Tolerances apply to MINIMUM WHOLE OR PITTED CANNING SIZE:
Sevillano- Extra Large "C"; Ascolano- Large; Obliza- Medium; Mission/Manzanillo- Small

****INFORMATION ONLY****

FROM: INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2026 IMPORT INSPECTION REPORT & INSPECTION FEES UPDATE

BACKGROUND: USDA is expected to provide the California Olive Committee with the 2026 Import Inspection Report and an update on inspection fees in advance of the Board meeting. If received prior to the meeting, these materials will be presented to the Board and made available to the industry.

****INFORMATION ONLY****

FROM: COC INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: COC/USDA Calibration Training

BACKGROUND:

On May 7, 2026, COC hosted a USDA calibration training at the Musco Family Olive facility in Tracy, CA. Inspectors from across the US toured the facility and learned about the taste profiles of California ripe green and black olives while comparing them to imported olives. COC is continuing to work with the USDA Inspection team on continual education efforts to increase momentum on the failure rates of imported olives. Inspectors left this calibration training with a better understanding of the California olive industry and why import inspections are critical to the industry.



****INFORMATION ONLY****

FROM: COC INSPECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBJECT: USDA FAILED IMPORTED LOTS REPORTING FREQUENCY REQUEST

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the canners, staff has been working with USDA to increase the frequency of reporting for failed imported lots. The industry has requested that USDA provide this report every six months instead of annually to give canners better insight into import activity.

USDA has indicated that its primary challenge is the current paper-based reporting system, which makes more frequent reporting time-intensive. The current status is that USDA is reviewing the request and evaluating how more frequent reporting can be implemented. Staff will continue working on getting a more frequent reporting process established and will keep the Board updated on any developments.