

Step 1. Prevention

Mulch acts as a physical barrier to sunlight and other resources weeds need to thrive. The best time to apply mulch is prior to rain events.



Step 2. Management

To keep weed populations low the following year, it is important to remove weeds before they go to seed. Properly identifying weeds will help determine the best time to do this, as weeds begin to seed at different times based on their life cycles.



Step 3. Treatment

Effective prevention and management strategies are the priority! However, if weeds have become a serious pest, identifying the weed for the most effective pesticide treatment is very important.

After all the winter rains you may find yourself struggling to control weeds. A key step in successfully controlling weeds is knowing what you have. Here is a tool to help you identify your weeds:

[University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources](http://www.organicgardening.com/2012/05/01/weed-identification-tool/)

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INSPECTIONS SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Certified Farmers' Market:	45	8	0		54
In Violation:	5	2	0		7
Production Site:	35	29	23		87
In Violation:	0	0	0		0
Handling Facility:	16	11	0		27
In Violation:	1	1	0		2
Retailer:	14	26	17		57
In Violation:	1	2	1		4
Total Inspections:	111	74	42		224
In Violation:	7	5	1		13

SAMPLING SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Certified Farmers' Market:	1	0	0		1
Residues Detected	0	0	0		0
Production Site:	21	17	16		54
Residues Detected:	0	1	0		1
Handling Facility:	10	7	2		17
Residues Detected	0	0	0		0
Retailer:	6	14	16		36
Residues Detected:	0	2	0		2
Total Random Samples:	36	39	26		110
Residues Detected:	0	3	0		3

COMPLAINT/INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Investigated:	1	6	4		11
Found to be in violation:	0	3	2		5
Investigative Samples:	1	4	0		5
Residues Detected:	0	1	0		1

Inspection Compliance

