

California's Future: Maintaining Viable Agriculture at the Urban Edge

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Public issues at the farm-urban interface are among the most important policy decisions facing California. An 80-page Center publication explores those issues. The summarized proceedings of a conference held in Sacramento, the report focuses on:

- Technological developments and farming practices that help individual farmers coexist with their urban neighbors.
- Land use planning, community design and other public sector techniques that help preserve farmland and maintain viable agriculture, particularly near urbanized areas.

Designed for a general audience as well as those in government, farming and land use planning, the publication provides the views of a dozen experts in fields ranging from biotechnology to local government and legislative policy. Leadoff con-

tributors are UC Davis Chancellor Larry N. Vanderhoef, Jack J. Pandol, Jr., farmer and former under secretary of Cal-EPA, and Steve Sanders, a legislative chief of staff.

Other contributors include UC biologists, engineers, animal scientists and farm advisors; farmland preservation and land use planners, consultants and activists; and local government and industry officials. A concluding chapter is by Alvin D. Sokolow, extension public policy specialist, UC Davis.

This is the second Center publication dealing with public policy challenges at the farm-urban interface. The first, *Farmers and Neighbors: Land Use, Pesticides and Other Issues*, explored concerns on both sides, considering pesticide use in particular. A background videos is also available.

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