



PROP 15 HITS CALIFORNIA FAMILY FARMS WITH HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES

DECEPTIVE MEASURE FAILS TO EXEMPT AGRICULTURE: WILL INCREASE FOOD PRICES FOR CONSUMERS

Sacramento special interests have qualified Proposition 15 for the November 2020 California ballot. The measure would eliminate important, long-standing property tax protections for commercial and agricultural property that voters approved via Prop 13 many decades ago. **Prop 15 would hike taxes by \$12.5 billion / year** - the largest tax increase in state history - costs that will be borne by small business, farmers, ranchers and consumers throughout the state.

PROP 15 WOULD HIKE TAXES ON AGRICULTURE

- Proponents are saying their measure won't impact agriculture, but they included language which exposes farmers and ranchers to steep property tax hikes on all "fixtures and improvements". This legalese means **farmers and ranchers will face tax increases on a wide range of farm property**, including:

Fruit and nut trees, vineyards, fences, barns, processing plants, dairies, irrigation systems, silos and tanks, storage sheds, feedlots, dams, paved roads, wind machines and much more. Source: Assessor's Handbook (CA State Board of Equalization), pg. 196

- The independent and nonpartisan state Legislative Analyst Office recently confirmed that these types of agricultural property are NOT EXEMPT from higher taxes under Prop 15.

PROP 15 TAXES EVERY STEP OF AGRICULTURE FROM FARM TO FORK

- The measure doesn't just increase property taxes on agriculture - **it hikes property taxes on critical support industries as well**, like farm equipment dealers, transportation companies, and warehouses.
- Every step in the process of producing food and getting it to your local grocery store or restaurant - planting, irrigating, harvesting, processing, transporting, storing - is exposed to higher property taxes under this poorly timed and flawed measure.

PROP 15's HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES ON AGRICULTURE WILL INCREASE FOOD PRICES FOR CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS

- California families were already struggling with the astronomical costs of living in this state before the recent economic crisis. Increasing taxes on California's family farmers, ranchers and all the industries that support food production in our state will just make things worse.

Californians can't afford higher prices on food. Join the family farmers and ranchers of California Farm Bureau, Western Growers, Agricultural Council of California and other leading agricultural organizations in opposing Prop 15 - the deceptive higher property tax measure.

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