Hedgerows
Benefits on Farms

A hedgerow is a row of trees, shrubs, bunch grasses and forbs on field edges.

**Natural Enemies**
Hedgerows provide habitat and floral resources (pollen and nectar) for parasitoid wasps, lady beetles and other natural enemies of crop pests.

**Economics**
Hedgerows enhance native bees and natural enemies in adjacent crops that can benefit crop production.

**Weed Control**
Hedgerow plantings help out-compete weedy vegetation that harbors pests and diseases.

**Biodiversity**
Hedgerows provide cover, nesting, and foraging habitat for migratory and resident birds that call the Central Valley their home.

**Soil & Water Quality Protection**
Deep roots and ground cover provided by hedgerows help stabilize soil, reduce erosion, filter runoff, increase water infiltration and improve soil structure.

**Other Benefits**
Windbreaks, living fence lines, buffer zones, shade, farm aesthetics

**Native Bees**
Hedgerows provide nesting habitat and floral resources (pollen and nectar) for native bees. Of California’s 1,600 native bees 30% are cavity nesters, in old logs and hollow plant stems, and 70% nest underground.

**For more information on hedgerows see:**
Establishing Hedgerows on Farms in California
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