

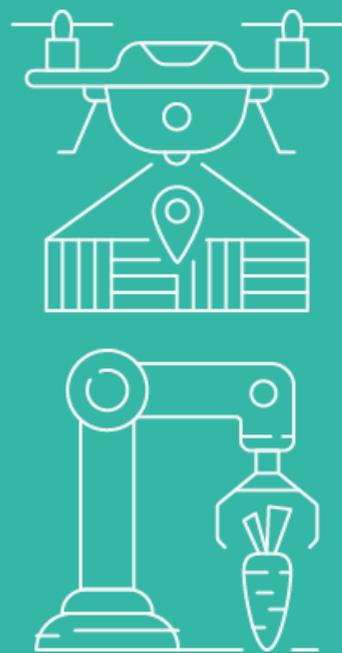
Taking an Integrated Approach to Pest Management

California emphasizes the importance of an **integrated approach to pest management**. What does this mean?

Farmers take an integrated approach to pest management, focusing on prevention first and use pesticides only as needed.



Each year, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation honors California individuals and organizations that are leaders in the **use of safe, sustainable, reduced-risk pest management methods with the IPM Achievement Awards**.



Farmers track and identify pests and diseases that are affecting their crops. **If they must use pesticides, they carefully select the right pesticide for the right pests on the right crop, only when and where necessary, and in the smallest amounts possible.**

