# Marisol Ventura

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER

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## SUMMARY

Assistant farm manager with 9 years in San Joaquin Valley tree nut orchards, currently helping run 2,100 acres of almonds and pistachios across four ranches. Handles irrigation scheduling, pest management, harvest logistics and food safety records, along with crew supervision for up to 45 bilingual workers at harvest.

## SKILLS

**Other Skills:** Orchard Management, Irrigation Scheduling, Pest Management, Harvest Logistics, Food Safety, Crew Supervision, Payroll Records, Fertigation, Microsoft Excel, Bilingual Communication

## EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Farm Manager** 04/2022 - Present

Kings River Orchards Reedley, CA

*Grower-owned almond and pistachio operation farming 2,100 acres across four ranches.*

- Plan irrigation scheduling for 2,100 acres from soil moisture probes, cutting water use **14%** with no yield loss.
- Direct harvest crews of up to 45, setting daily shake, sweep and pickup routes for each ranch.
- Coordinate pest management with the PCA, timing navel orangeworm sprays that held reject rates under 1.5%.
- Track weekly labor, fuel and input costs in Microsoft Excel, reporting variances to the farm manager and owners.

**Orchard Supervisor** 03/2019 - 03/2022

Valley Oak Nut Growers Madera, CA

*Almond grower and huller farming 1,200 acres.*

- Oversaw orchard management on 1,200 acres of almonds, directing pruning, mowing and fertigation with a crew of 18.
- Organized harvest logistics with the huller, delivering 3.4M pounds of meats with **zero** rejected loads.
- Conducted food safety audits under GAP standards and closed every corrective action within 30 days.
- Tracked payroll records for 60 seasonal workers, catching $9K in timecard errors in a single season.

**Field Crew Lead** 06/2017 - 02/2019

Sunridge Farming Co. Kerman, CA

*Farm management company developing new pistachio and almond blocks for outside investors.*

- Led a 12-person crew planting 180 acres of new pistachio orchard on drip irrigation.
- Inspected emitters and filters weekly, repairing leaks that saved about 8 acre-feet of water a year.
- Trained new hires on tractor safety and heat illness prevention in English and Spanish.
- Staked, planted and wrapped 25,000 rootstock trees over one winter, finishing two weeks ahead of plan.

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science** 05/2017

California State University, Fresno Fresno, CA

Plant Science

## CERTIFICATES

**Qualified Applicator Certificate** 02/2019

California Department of Pesticide Regulation

**Produce Safety Rule Grower Training** 01/2021

Produce Safety Alliance