

Greetings fellow pistachio growers and industry professionals. My name is Nick Edsall and I would appreciate your consideration for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Administrative Committee for Pistachios. I believe my experience in agriculture the last 25 years gives me the unique perspective to help guide the pistachio industry as it continues to grow.

My love for farming and agriculture began when I was young. I used to ride to work with my dad who was working as a Farm Manager for Peto Seed Company. I would always ask him when I would be old enough to drive a tractor and do some farming of my own. I started farming grain and oil crops in 1996 on a small scale. I continued this through 2003 when I graduated from Cal Poly, SLO with a bachelor's degree in Crop Science. While at Cal Poly, I worked for Seminis Vegetable Seeds in Arroyo Grande, Ca. helping maintain greenhouses and breeding cages. During the summers I worked for the Seminis sales team planting, maintaining, and harvesting sales trials for various vegetable crops throughout the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. After graduation I went to work full time as a Production Field Representative and Agronomist for Cal/West Seed Company. At Cal/West I worked with growers, plant breeders, researchers, and salesmen in California and Oregon in the production of forage and oil crop seed. From there I was hired by Monsanto as a Research Associate in the Drought Tolerant Corn Testing Program where my main duties were managing the day-to-day farm operations of the breeding and testing program.

For the past ten years I have worked as the Director of Orchard Operations for Bullseye Farms, headquartered in Woodland, Ca. Bullseye Farms is a family-owned operation, managing the production of over 16,000 acres of orchards and field crops in Yolo, Solano, and Colusa Counties. My main responsibility with Bullseye is managing all aspects of production of our orchard operation. Currently, I manage over 6000 acres of trees with acreage split between almonds, walnuts, and pistachios. We planted our first pistachio orchard 9 years ago and since then I have developed and currently manage over 900 acres of pistachios in Yolo County.

More pistachios are being planted in Northern California every year. For most of us, this is a new crop with a new set of challenges. Growers in our area are working to quickly learn the nuances of this exciting crop and how it fits our unique climate and soils. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on this committee in hopes of being a voice that will ask the right questions and bring meaningful dialogue to the table. In addition, I hope to gain knowledge that I can use to continue to be a valuable resource to growers in the district.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Nick Edsall