

## 2025 Cone Survey form in Survey123:

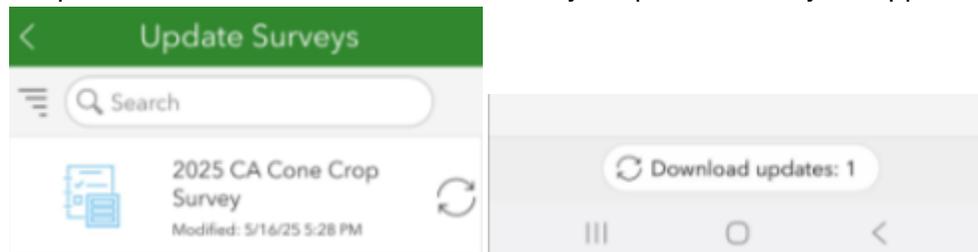
The Reforestation Services Program (RSP) program is no longer using paper surveys, as digital records can be tracked readily and easily compared year to year.

The 2025 Cone Observation Survey via Survey123 has been updated based on user feedback. This survey is a collaboration between American Forests (AF), the United States Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Region 5 (USFS), CAL FIRE, private industry, to have uniform cone survey datasets and enable future collaboration.

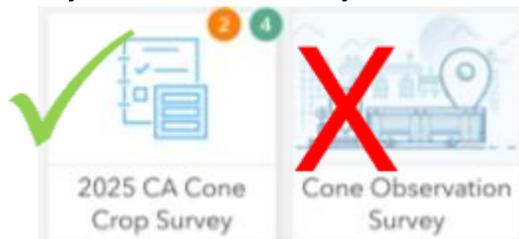


### Getting the Survey:

1. Download the Survey123 phone application directly onto your phone for offline use in the field by going to your App Store > downloading Survey123.
2. Obtain the 2025 Cone Survey Form
  - a. If you have the 2024 Cone Crop Survey Form from last year, you should be prompted to update the form to the 2025 version when you open the Survey123 app.



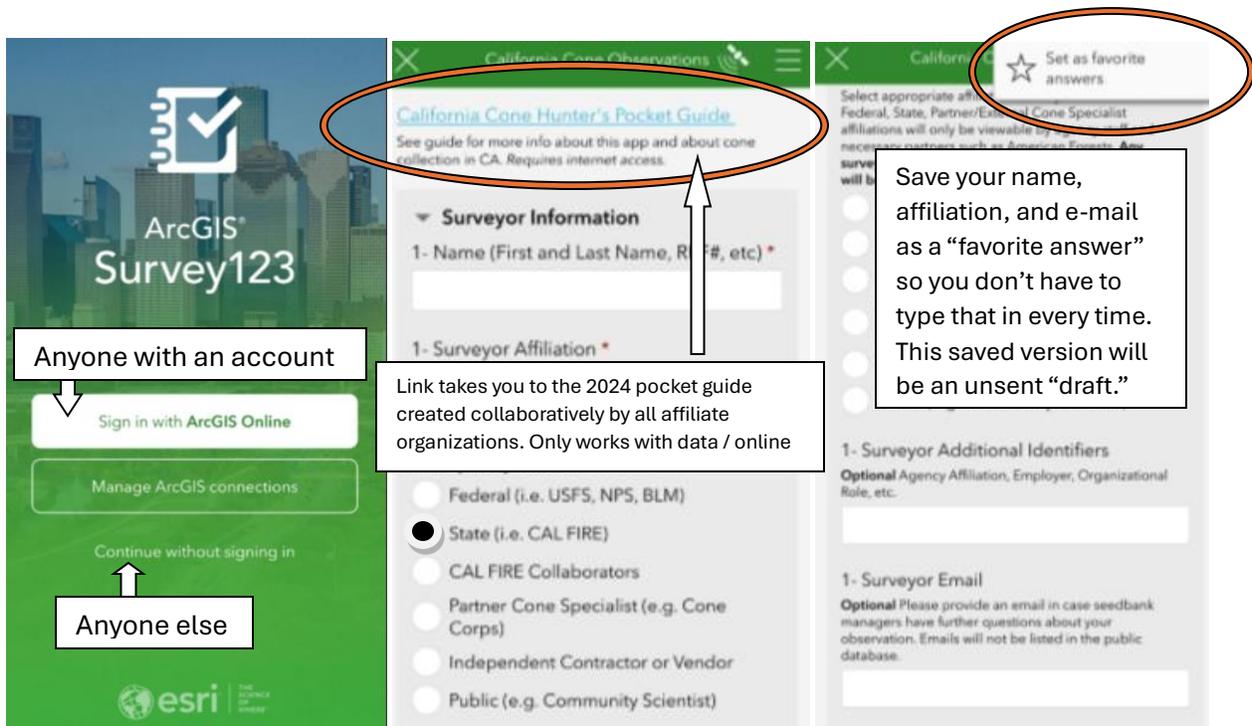
- b. If this is your first time accessing the Cone Crop Survey Form, scan the QR code on your mobile device or use the link: [2025 CA Cone Crop Survey](#)
    - i. Note: the direct link also works on desktop, but you must select geolocation
  - c. You will know you have the updated survey form on your mobile device if the title says 2025. If the form says 2024 or has no year at all, it is not the correct form



The number in orange indicates drafts, and the number in green indicates surveys in the outbox collected offline that must be submitted when cell or data service is regained.

### Using the Survey:

1. If you have an AGOL account, you can sign in so that you may view your survey data later, but you can also submit surveys without signing in. After selecting to sign-in or not, Section 1 in the survey requests surveyor information. The Cone Crop Survey was designed so anyone can use it to report cone crops, including landowners and members of the public.



2. Section 2 on location automatically grabs geolocation data, but this must be adjusted/ entered manually if entering surveys on desktop and not in the field

Lat:

Lon:

- a. The geolocation automatically populates the Seed Zone and Elevation (SZ.E) data
  - b. Note: the geolocation-derived SZ.E from the Survey123 app is MORE accurate than that in the Assessment of Needs (AON) viewer (See “Attachment 1”). The AON has so much data embedded in the viewer, elevation contour lines are smoothed out for ease of populating the bushel need pop-up window when locations are selected.
  - c. SZ.E can also be found in a separate GIS viewer [Seed Zone and Elevation Lookup App](#) – This viewer, like the AON viewer, shows parcel numbers. If you survey trees from public access roads, find an especially lucrative stand, but do not know who the landowner is, Unit Staff or Seed Bank staff may be able to initiate a cone collection agreement with the landowner based on the parcel number/ location.
3. Section 3 is the tree and cone section of the survey. Photos of the stand and close-ups of the cone-bearing part of the canopy are encouraged. Fill and submit or save to outbox to send later. Please don’t forget to submit!

**Accessing your survey data:**

For privacy purposes, there is an additional step that needs to occur if you are interested in viewing the backend data from the survey points you submitted.

1. You must request to be added to the “State” (CAL FIRE RSP, DSF, etc.) group via [CA Cone Observation Data Viewing | ArcGIS Group Request](#)
2. You must log in to your ArcGIS account and approve the group request.