



## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

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Dear Grower/Permitee

This is to inform you that the Pesticide Use Permit renewal for 2009 will begin on Monday, December 15, 2008. You may renew your permit anytime after that date, but it must be done before you apply any chemicals in 2009. Between the period of 12/15/08- 1/30/09 we encourage you to set an appointment for your renewal. Without an appointment, you will not be guaranteed an inspector will be available to serve you as a walk-in. To schedule an appointment, please call our office at (805) 933-2926. Our office is open M-F, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. We are closed from 11:30-12:30.

- All maps need to be updated. Please bring an updated map of your growing area(s). Computer generated maps are recommended such as Google Earth or Arc Explorer.
- Bring a list of the chemicals you wish to include on your 2009 permit. Only those pesticides you will be using in 2009 will be included on the permit.
- If you plan on using a fumigant (other than those used for gopher control) during the months of May-October 2009, please note that no fumigants will be added to the permit until you have applied for and received your allotment for 2009. Tentatively, the deadline for this application will be March 31. Any questions concerning this application can be handled at the time of your permit renewal.
- Be prepared to supply us with your E-mail address.

### **NEW for 2009**

#### **Pesticide Use Reporting online**

We are now accepting pesticide use reports online. If you would like to use this method and have not yet signed up, we can handle this at the time of your renewal. Please allow some extra time at renewal to sign you up.

**Multi-Year Permits**

We will now be issuing multi-year permits for those growers/permittees who have exclusively perennial orchard crops, such as citrus or avocado. This program does not include growers who have both orchards and row crops. We will implement this program over a three year period starting with the 2009 permit year for those permit names beginning with the letters A-H. The entire schedule for implementing this program will be as follows:

<u>Permit Names</u>	<u>Implemented</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>Beginning with Letters</u>		
A-H .....	2009 permit year	12/31/2011
I-Q .....	2010 permit year	12/31/2012
R-Z .....	2011 permit year	12/31/2013

If you have any questions regarding renewing your permit or any of the new changes for 2009, please do not hesitate to call our office. We look forward to seeing you this 2009 Permit Season.

Thankyou,

Rudy Martel  
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

