



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

NEWS RELEASE

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..Petal Fall Declared in District 1...

After consulting with the Tulare County Citrus Bloom Advisory Committee, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, Tom Tucker, announced today that he is officially declaring the **end of the citrus bloom period for citrus grown in District 1 beginning at 1:00 a.m., Monday April 29, 2019.**

Even though applications of pesticides toxic to bees may be made to citrus 48 hours or more after the official end of citrus bloom (petal fall) without advance notification to beekeepers, Tucker strongly urges pesticide applicators wishing to make applications with bloom present to either:

- apply pesticides toxic to bees at night, and/or
- notify beekeepers 48 hours in advance

Pesticide applicators wishing to make applications of pesticides toxic to bees to citrus in District 1 prior to 1:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, May 1, 2019 should contact the Pesticide Department for specific application requirements. Applications before this date require a 48 hour advance notification to any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site.

The declaration of Petal Fall DOES NOT supersede product labeling. All applicators are reminded that they must always read and follow the pesticide product labeling regarding toxicity to bees.

Citrus growers are reminded that applications of Carbaryl ("Sevin") cannot be made until there is complete petal fall in the citrus grove.

Tucker said that during the ensuing days, personnel of the Tulare County Department of Agriculture and members of the Citrus Bloom Advisory Committee will be checking citrus groves in District 2 to determine when 75 percent petal fall on the north side of citrus trees will occur.

Information regarding the District Boundaries may be found at the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer Website, <http://agcomm.co.tulare.ca.us>, under "Bloom Districts Map".

Anyone having questions regarding the bloom period or the citrus/bee regulations should visit our website or phone the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, Pesticide Division at 559-684-3352.