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NEWS RELEASE

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...Citrus Bloom Declared in District 2...

After consulting with the Tulare County Citrus Bloom Advisory Committee, and in order to comply with the public notice provisions of Section 6656 of the California Code of Regulations pertaining to the citrus/bee protection area, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, Tom Tucker, announced today that he is officially declaring the beginning of the citrus bloom period for citrus growing in <u>District 2 beginning at 1:00 a.m., Saturday</u> <u>Morning, April 4th, 2020</u>.

All citrus growers, pest control operators and beekeepers must comply with the regulations covering the citrus/bee protection areas (sections 6654 and 6656, California Code of Regulations). The area within one mile of any citrus planting of one acre or more is designated as a citrus/bee protection area.

Tucker said that during the ensuing days, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner personnel and members of the Citrus Bloom Advisory Committee will be checking citrus groves in Districts 1 and 2 to determine when 75 percent petal fall on the north side of trees will be reached.

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

Anyone having questions regarding the bloom period or the citrus/bee regulations should phone the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer at (559) 684-3352.