



Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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NEWS RELEASE

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To: Pest Control Advisors, Pest Control Businesses, Dealerships, and Growers

... Bee Protection...

The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's office is asking that 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, Commissioner Tucker strongly urges pesticide applicators wishing to make applications with bloom present to:

- Consider using any feasible alternative which would substantially lessen any adverse impact to bees,
- Delay pesticide applications until necessary,
- 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 2 prior to 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning, May 2, 2021 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.

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.