

Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Tom Tucker, Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures Christopher Greer, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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Re: Agricultural Commissioner Operations during "Shelter in Place Order"

To: Agricultural Industry and all interested parties,

The Agricultural Commissioner's Department is considered an essential services Department. As such, Inspectors will be on the job working with industry in the certification and movement of food and fiber within Tulare County and throughout the world. This Department will also continue its efforts to assist growers, packers, and others that require pesticide permits and certifications. We are maintaining our capabilities to regulate pesticide applications to ensure our pesticide laws and regulations are being followed and our food is safe to eat. We also work with industry and the public to keep their weighing and measuring devices certified. In this way, commerce can continue uninterrupted as our commodities and consumer goods make their way to the end user.

Our offices will remain open to those that require our services but we ask that you follow the guidelines displayed at each location. Namely, we will limit access to the building to one or two people at a time. This will allow our staff and the customer the benefit of good social distancing. If you do not need to come in to the office we recommend calling in and we will endeavor to handle your needs remotely.

Thank you for understanding about our restrictions, but we think they are the best way to keep you and our staff safe, while keeping our agriculturally based economy moving. Please be sure and call ahead as we may be able to assist you without the need for a trip into the office. Our phone numbers are listed below.

Thank You.

Tom Tucker Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Main office, Tulare 559-684-3350 Pesticide Division 559-684-3352