

Contra Costa & Alameda Counties

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New Pesticide Safety Training Requirements

The US EPA recently revised the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) to increase protections for agricultural Fieldworkers and Pesticide Handlers. Because of this we have some new laws that take place January 2, 2017 that will impact our ag communities.

One of the most broad reaching changes is that all agricultural employers must provide a pesticide safety training for both their Pesticide Handlers as well as their Fieldworkers every year. This is a change from the earlier requirement of FW training every 5 years.

What's the difference between these two types of employees? A *Pesticide Handler* is anyone who applies, mixes, loads, flag, or otherwise handles pesticides or any application equipment containing residues (and yes, that includes the mechanic who repairs your sprayers).

A *Fieldworker* is any employee who works in fields or nurseries where pesticides have been applied but do not handle pesticides themselves. This would include those who prune, irrigate, thin, hand weed, harvest, or perform any other type of cultural activity.

The training for Field workers is slightly different than the training for Pesticide Handlers but both types of employees should receive their training at the beginning of each season BEFORE application or work begins. The new regulations also mandate some new training topics and require that the employer must keep a record of the training. In the past there was no requirement to keep records of Fieldworker training.

Any certified Commercial Applicator (PCA, PCO, QAC, QAL) or Private Applicator may legally provide the training. However, they must update their knowledge of the new WPS requirements and the additional mandated training topics.

Instructor Training Classes: One of the best ways to update knowledge is by attending an Instructor Training Program (Train-the-Trainer Programs). Any participant who successfully completes one of these programs will be qualified to provide pesticide safety training to Fieldworkers and Pesticide Handlers even without a Commercial or Private Applicator's license.

In order to help meet the increased training demand for Fieldworkers, our UC IPM Program will be offering a series of Instructor Training Programs throughout the state this spring. The closest classes will be held:

DATE	LOCATION	LANGUAGE
February 2	Napa	English only
February 3	Napa	Spanish only
April 4	Modesto	English & Spanish
April 6	Sonoma	TBD

These classes cost \$150 but you then have a trainer on your staff that can train as many workers as needed at a time that is best for your operations. Contact www.ipm.ucanr.edu/events for details and registration. These classes fill up quickly!

Local Classes: In addition, the Contra Costa County Agriculture Department and UC Cooperative Extension would like to continue to provide some direct training for local farmworkers. In the past we have offered two classes for Pesticide Handlers and two classes for Field workers. We plan to continue to offer two classes for Pesticide Handlers as that has seemed to meet the need.

We are trying to gauge the increased demand for Field Worker training. We may not be able to offer all the training that is needed, but we should be able to add a few more classes this year. **If you are interested in sending workers to these local classes, could you fill out and return the attached survey so we can schedule classes at a time that best meets your needs.**

PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING SURVEY

Please fill out the survey below and return to Janet Caprile before January 13th by:

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Contact information (so we can notify you of the upcoming classes):

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. *How many people would you like to send to each type of training?*

Pesticide Handler _____ Fieldworker _____

2. *Check which language(s) would you prefer?* Spanish ____ English ____ Both ____ Either ____

3. *Check the best times for a 2 hour (Fieldworker) session or a 3 hour (Pesticide Handler) session:*

Pesticide Handler (3 hours): 8-11 am ____ 9am-12pm ____ 12-3 pm ____ other ____

Field Worker (2 hours): 8-10 am ____ 10am-12 pm ____ 1-3pm ____ other ____

4. *Check all the best weeks for your workers to attend a training at the beginning of their work season?*

WEEK	Pesticide Handlers	Fieldworkers
February 13 to 17		
February 20 to 24		
February 27 – March 3		
March 6 to 10		
March 13 to 17		
March 20 to 24		
March 27 to 31		
April 3 to 7		
April 10 to 14		
April 17 to 21		
April 24 to 28		
May 1 to 5		
May 8 to 12		
May 15 to 19		
May 22 to 26		
May 29 to June 2		
June 5 to 9		
June 12 to 16		
June 19 to 23		

CALIFORNIA CHERRY RESEARCH REVIEW

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Evelyn Costa Assembly Room
San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, California 95206-3949

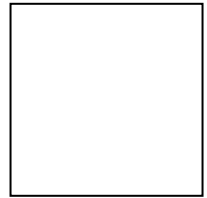
Sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension and California Cherry Board

- 9:00 am Welcome
Joe Grant, UC Cooperative Extension, San Joaquin County
- 9:05 Classical biological control of Spotted Wing *Drosophila*
Dr. Kent Daane, Dept. of ESPM, UC Berkeley and UC Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center, Parlier, CA
- 9:25 Developing attractive baits for *Drosophila suzukii*
Dr. Zain Syed, University of Notre Dame
- 9:45 Management and epidemiology of pre- and post-harvest foliar and fruit diseases of sweet cherry
Dr. Jim Adaskaveg, Dept. of Plant Pathology, UC Riverside
- 10:05 Engineered transgenic *Drosophila suzukii* for wild population suppression & eradication: Production, performance assessment, and effective wild releases
Dr. Omar Akbari, Dept. of Entomology, UC Riverside
- 10:25 Break
- 10:45 2016 California Cherry Board Update
Chris Zanobini, CCB Executive Director
- 11:00 Oviposition deterrents and insecticides for Spotted Wing *Drosophila* control in cherry
San Jose Scale control in cherries
Dr. Jhalendra Rijal, UC Area IPM Advisor, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties
- 11:30 Better understanding of sweet cherry post-harvest cracking in California and potential strategies to reduce its incidence
Dr. Irwin Donis-Gonzalez, Dept. of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, UC Davis
- 11:50 Update: 2016/2017 chill accumulation
Mike Devencenzi, Devencenzi Ag Pest Management and Research
- 12:00 pm Existing approaches, challenges, and possibilities for mechanical tree fruit and sweet cherry harvesting
Dr. Stavros Vougioukas, Dept. of Biological & Agricultural Engineering, UC Davis
- 12:30 Lunch (courtesy of California Cherry Board)
- 1:30 Adjourn

1.5 hours of PCA Continuing Education Credit pending

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