



October 28, 2020

Attention! Your Merced County Permit will EXPIRE at the end of this year.

On November 16, 2020, we will begin to issue 2021 Restricted Materials & Operator ID Permits. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be renewing all permits by phone, email and/or fax. To renew your permit, you are required to do the following:

1. Review your current permit:

- Indicate or mark all changes to crops/sites/acreage on the Pesticide Renewal Application Form or a copy of the previous year permit.
- A detailed list may be submitted instead of the previous year crop or use the attached form.
- The pesticide renewal application form is attached or is available on our website:
<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/2167/Permit-Renewal-Forms>

2. Private Applicator Certificate (PAC): Last names ending in R thru Z EXPIRE THIS YEAR:

- CE Hours must be completed before December 31, 2020. No extensions on earning hours will be granted for 2020.
- If you plan to take the test, appointments will be made at the time your renewal appointment is scheduled.
- CE Hours: 6 hours total - 2 hours must be from Laws and Regulations.
- The deadline for PAC renewal if using completed CE Hours is March 31, 2021. After this date the exam must be taken.
- A list of available CE classes is included on the back of this letter or you can view available classes on our website.

3. Use Reports Must be Submitted:

- Use Report history will be reviewed during the renewal process.
- All outstanding use reports must be submitted prior to your permit being renewed or could result in a violation.

4. Ways to Submit the Pesticide Permit Renewal Application:

- Email: MAGPermit@co.Merced.ca.us
- Fax: (209) 725-3910
- Mail: 2139 Wardrobe Ave, Merced CA 95341 or 342 D Street, Los Banos, CA 93635
- **No in-person renewals for 2020.**

5. Crop Report Information:

- Be prepared to give your Crop Report Information at the time of permit renewal.
- You will be asked to provide yield and value of crops harvested in 2020. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Continuing Education (C.E.) Classes

There will be no extensions granted on taking Continuing Education Classes for any Certified Applicator License.

Check our website for online CE Classes and other county class schedules:

<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/150/CE-Classes>

There are continuous online and correspondence classes, text-based correspondence classes and Spanish continuing education class posted on DPR at:

https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cont_ed_cfm/classes.htm

Bee Where Program used for Bee Checks

Starting August of 2019 Merced County switched over to the web-based bee check program, Bee Where (www.beehwerecalifornia.com). You can use your current CalAgPermits login and perform the necessary bee check when applying any pesticides that are "HIGHLY TOXIC TO BEES". This program tracks hive locations of beekeepers registered in Merced County. Although regulations have been in place for notification for decades, this program will help streamline the communication between growers and beekeepers. For more information, check out Merced County Ag Commissioner's Apiary webpage at: <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/149/Apiary-Program>

Field Fumigations:

Metam Stewardship classes will still continue in 2021, but may be online. More information to follow.

If you plan on fumigating fields this year with any fumigant, please contact our office well in advance to learn of any significant changes or requirements made this year. Also, contact us for information on attending a **required** stewardship continuing education class for metam sodium, metam potassium, and dazomet. **Without proof of attendance of a stewardship class, you will be unable to fumigate with these materials.** Please contact our office or check our website for finalized dates for our partnership metam stewardship classes.

REMINDER - Pesticide Use Near School Sites Regulations

Regulations concerning pesticide use restrictions and notification requirements for production agriculture sites within ¼ mile of school sites took effect in the beginning of 2018. Certain application types will be prohibited during the hours and day's school is in session. Notification will be required of growers within the ¼ mile of a school site. A list of expected pesticides, which will be applied throughout the school year, will need to be provided to the schools which you are located within the ¼ mile radius. This regulation does not apply to non-agricultural applications. Contact our office for more information.

Crop Report Statistics

Our staff is currently gathering crop statistic information for the 2020 crop season. Please be prepared to bring your crop acreage, yields and values for the 2020 season. Forms are attached to this letter, available on our website or at our office. All information is kept confidential and will not be shared with others. Your continued help and support is greatly appreciated.

MERCED COUNTY 2020 CROP REPORT INFORMATION

GROWER:

PERMIT #:

CROPS (FIELD, SEED, VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND NUT):

CROP (IDENTIFY TYPE OF CROP/SILAGE/HAY/COTTON)	ACRES	TONS PER ACRE	GROSS \$ PER TON	TOTAL VALUE

SWEET POTATOES (IDENTIFY CONVENTIONAL/ORGANIC/VARIETY)	ACRES	BINS PER ACRE	PRICE PER BIN	TOTAL VALUE

CROPS NOT HARVESTED	REASON	ACRES

APIARY INDUSTRY:

HONEY (HIVES)	# OF UNITS	# PER UNIT	\$ PER POUND OR UNIT

POLLINATION HIVES/ TYPE OF CROP	# OF HIVES	HIVES PER ACRE	\$ PER HIVE

DAIRY COWS/DAIRY GOATS:

MILKING HERD (COWS OR GOATS)	AVE # OF MILKING HERD	LBS. OF MILK PER HEAD

****LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY:**

ANIMAL	# OF HEAD	AVE. WT. PER HEAD	TOTAL LIVE WT.	\$ PER HEAD

****LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY:**

<u>BEEF</u>	<u>DAIRY</u>	<u>POULTRY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
CULL COWS/REP HEIFERS	CULL COWS	CHICKEN, FRYERS	GOATS
STOCKER CATTLE	REPLACE HEIFERS	CHICKEN, OTHER	SHEEP/LAMBS
BEEF CALVES SOLD	BULLS/BULL CALVES	MISC. POULTRY/TURKEYS	HOGS