

The Role of the Agricultural Commissioner

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Who is the Ag. Commissioner?

- The office of the County Agricultural Commissioner is a system that is unique to California.
- The Commissioner has direct authority over all pesticide related activities within their respective counties.
- The goal of the Commissioner is to insure that pesticides are applied safely and legally.
- The Commissioner has authority to level civil penalties (fines) for violations of California Pesticide Laws and Regulations.

1. The Pesticide Label

- Herbicides are pesticides and all pesticide rules apply.
- The pesticide label is a legal document, all label requirements must be followed including: personal protective equipment, application sites, application rates, proper container disposal, etc.

2. Employee Safety

- If you have employees or are an employee who applies pesticides, there are additional safety requirements that apply to you.
- These requirements are found in the Pesticide Safety Information Series (N-Series) which is available from your local County Agricultural Commissioner.

3. Operator I. D. Numbers

- Must be obtained from the Ag. Commissioner's Office prior to applying pesticides.
- Are required for WMA's, Government Agencies, and other property operators applying pesticides.
- Pest Control Businesses and homeowners do not need Operator I.D. Numbers.

4. Where to Buy your Materials

- California has its own pesticide registration system that complements the federal EPA pesticide registration system.
- Only materials that are registered for use in California are legal to use in California.
- Out of state dealers, or the internet may not be ideal places to buy materials for use in California.

In Closing.....

- When in doubt call your local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Additional information:

- www.cdpr.ca.gov
- www.cdms.net