

Carlos Ortiz
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Jolene Dessert
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
Asst. Sealer of Weights and Measures

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**



852 Broadway
El Centro, CA 92243

(442) 265-1500

Fax: (760) 353-9420

E-mail: agcom@co.imperial.ca.us

News and Information for July 2018

2018-2019 Permit Season Ongoing

While permit season slows down in July, signings are still ongoing. Those that do not have signed permits may not make pesticide applications. Therefore, if you anticipate an upcoming need to use pesticides, you should contact us immediately. A permit must still be submitted well in advance of signing to allow for proper review and preparation.

Farm Labor Contractor Training

CAC staff will be hosting a training for Farm Labor Contractors (FLCs) on July 12th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Farm Credit Services Southwest at 485 Business Parkway in Imperial. CalOSHA and DPR will also be speaking at this event. This training will focus on regulatory reminders and updates affecting FLCs. This training will be held in Spanish and continuing education hours will not be offered.

Compliance Assistance

Reminder: CAC staff are available for compliance assistance. We routinely help those in the pesticide industry to discuss problems that they may be having navigating and understanding California regulations. Those with questions or concerns shouldn't hesitate to contact us, as we may be able to clarify the boundaries of the regulations.

Karnal Bunt

USDA has changed their screening protocols for Karnal Bunt, a fungal disease affecting wheat. The new protocol calls for sampling every other year. Therefore, we did not take any samples this year, but will continue to participate in this important program. By participating in this USDA survey, Imperial County is able to maintain a "free from" status and export wheat around the world.

Pest Detection Summer Programs

PD&E staff are ramping up efforts in the Red Imported Fire Ant and Weed Management survey programs to maintain Imperial County's "free from" status. This enables an easier export process for growers of various agricultural products. Reminder: the importation of date palm trees and shoots is a frequent pathway for introduction of Red Imported Fire Ants. Therefore, incoming date palms undergo thorough inspection and trapping.