



NEWS from the **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
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Melissa Cregan, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Melissa Cregan, announced that 75 percent petal fall on the north side of citrus trees will have taken place at 1:00 a.m. April 30, 2019 in **District 4**.

Commissioner Cregan urges beekeepers in the County to move their bees which will allow the citrus growers to apply the necessary pesticides to protect their citrus from insect pests.

Citrus growers and pest control operators are reminded they are still required to notify beekeepers during the bloom period, if applying pesticides toxic to honeybees, from the beginning of the bloom until 48 hours after the 75 percent petal fall declaration date. Contact the Fresno County Department of Agriculture at (559)600-7510 for names and telephone numbers of beekeepers who have requested notification when pesticides are to be applied within one mile of their apiaries.

Commissioner Cregan wishes to express her appreciation to citrus growers, pest control operators, pest control advisors and beekeepers for observing the statutes protecting both honeybees and agricultural crops during the citrus bloom.

FRESNO COUNTY
Citrus Bee Protection Districts

