



Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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NEWS RELEASE

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... Petal Fall Declared in District 1 and District 2...

Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner, Melissa Cregan, announced today that she is officially declaring that 75 percent petal fall on the north side of citrus trees indicating the **end of the citrus bloom period for citrus growing will begin at 1:00 a.m., Sunday morning, April 26, 2020 in District 1 and District 2.**

Even though applications of pesticides toxic to bees may be made to citrus 48 hours or more after the official end of citrus bloom (petal fall) without advance notification to beekeepers, Cregan strongly urges pesticide applicators wishing to make applications with bloom present to either:

- Apply pesticides toxic to bees at night, and/or
- Notify beekeepers 48 hours in advance

Pesticide applicators wishing to make applications of pesticides toxic to bees to citrus in District 1 and District 2 prior to 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, April 28, 2020 should contact the Pesticide Department for specific application requirements. Applications before this date require a 48-hour advance notification to any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site.

The declaration of Petal Fall DOES NOT supersede product labeling. All applicators are reminded that they must always read and follow the pesticide product labeling regarding toxicity to bees.

Citrus growers are reminded that applications of Carbaryl ("Sevin") cannot be made until there is complete petal fall in the citrus grove.

Anyone having questions regarding the bloom period or the citrus/bee regulations should phone the Supervising Agricultural/Standards Specialist, Sam Sohal (Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM) at (559)600-7319.

