



## OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

### **TO ALL FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS**

(Including those acting as vineyard management services)

You are a farm labor contractor if:

1. for a fee you employ workers to render services connected with the production of farm products, on behalf of a grower, and
2. for a fee you furnish board, lodging or transportation for workers and supervise their work, or disburse wages to such persons.

Farm labor contractors are required to be registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and be licensed with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Farm labor contractors are also required to register with the County Agricultural Commissioner in each county where they do work. However, you must be properly registered with the federal government first, then become licensed with the state, and then register with the County Agricultural Commissioner last.

The purpose for registering with the County Agricultural Commissioner is to have an opportunity to inform farm labor contractors about field worker safety as it relates to pesticide use. For example, there are regulations that require farm labor contractors to inform or train their employees about the hazards of pesticides as it relates to them working in fields. If you would like more information about these requirements please contact the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office by calling (707) 565-2371.

To register with the United States Department of Labor you will need to fill out the FLC Registration Application (form WH-530). For more information you may contact the following: United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, 90 7th Street, Suite 18-300, San Francisco, CA 94103-6719; (415) 625-7720, (866) 487-9243; or go to <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/mspa/index.htm>.

To become licensed with the state you can contact the following: Department of Industrial Relations, State Labor Commissioner, 455 Golden Gate Ave. 9th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102; (415) 703-4854.

To register with the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner, please call (707) 565-2371 for an appointment at our office located at 133 Aviation Blvd., Ste. 110, Santa Rosa, CA. It is important to be properly registered and licensed so you can assure that you are in compliance with the applicable employee laws and regulations.