

# WINDOW ON AGRICULTURE

## Office of the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner

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### Recycle Day a Success

We held our annual fall plastics recycle day on October 27, 2004, at the Sonoma County Healdsburg Corporation Yard. This event was open to growers, nurseries, pest control businesses, golf courses, parks, and government agencies. We accepted plastic agricultural chemical containers ranging in size from 1 pint to 55 gallons. At this event there were 45 participants and we collected 5,700 pounds of material that would otherwise have gone into the landfill. Thank you to everyone who participated!

### Holiday Schedule

The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office will be closed for the following holidays:

November 25 & 26, 2004 - Thanksgiving  
December 24, 2004 - Christmas  
December 31, 2004 - New Year's

### December Grower Workshop

Our annual grower continuing education workshop will be held on Thursday, December 2, at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building, located at 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. with check in starting at 8:15 a.m. The workshop will provide growers and license holders with one hour of continuing education in laws and regulations,

and one hour of other continuing education hours.

#### **Workshop Schedule:**

- 8:15 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:05 Introduction:  
Stefan Parnay, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
- 9:05 – 9:10 Year-End Review:  
Lisa Correia, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
- 9:10 – 9:30 Pesticide Laws and Regulation Update:  
Sue Ostrom, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist
- 9:30 – 9:50 Managing Ground Squirrels:  
Pete Albers, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist
- 9:50 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 10:35 What To Expect When We Conduct An Application Inspection:  
Joseph Gray, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
- 10:35 – 11:05 Vine Mealybug (VMB) Update:  
Jim Raisner, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Specialist  
Dr. Lucia Varela, Univ. of CA Cooperative Extension
- 11:05 – 11:10 Close  
Stefan Parnay, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

Growers and license holders with questions regarding the training can call our office at (707) 565-2371. **No reservations required.**

### **Renewing Restricted Materials Permits and Identification Numbers**

Growers who need to renew their restricted materials permit or identification number must call our office at 565-2371 for an appointment. **No walk-ins accepted.**

Appointments will be held at all three of our offices: Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Sonoma.

Permits or identification numbers that expire 12/31/2004 need to be renewed before pesticides can be purchased or used in 2005.

### **Stefan Parnay New Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner**

On October 26, 2004, Stefan Parnay became Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner for Sonoma County filling the vacancy left when Lisa Correia was appointed Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer.

Stefan began working at the Agricultural Commissioner's Office in June 1994. He has been the Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in charge of the North District of the county since February 1999.



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