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2007 REGISTRATION BEGINS

Attention: Pest Control Businesses

Don't Forget To Register for 2007!

All professional pesticide license holders must renew their county registration or structural notification each calendar year in each county before performing work in that county. For Sonoma County, registration and restricted materials permit renewal for 2007 begins December 11, 2006. **Appointments are required and can be made now – “walk-ins” will not be accepted.** Structural Pest Control Companies and out-of-county license holders can register by mail, unless a restricted materials permit is needed. License holders registering by mail must include an imprinted registration form from their home county and the items listed below. Mail-in registrations are currently being accepted.

- ☞ Pest Control Operator: Current Qualified Applicator's License Card, Copy of Current Pest Control Business License, Equipment List, and \$65 registration fee
- ☞ Maintenance Gardener Pest Control: Current Qualified Applicator's Certificate or License Card, Copy of Current Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business License, Equipment List, and \$25 registration fee
- ☞ Pest Control Advisor: Current Pest Control Advisor's License Card and \$10 (\$5 for out-of-county) registration fee
- ☞ Structural Pest Control Operator: Notice of Intent to Perform Pest Control, Equipment List (optional), and \$10 notification fee

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our staff at (707) 565-2371.

ANNUAL GROWER WORKSHOP

Don't Forget! We will be holding our annual Grower Meeting at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building on December 7, 2006. Sign-in starts at 8:15 a.m. with the program starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 11:10 a.m. There is no need to register ahead of time, just show up! If you have any questions you may call our office at (707) 565-2371.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (SARE)

Since 1988, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program has advanced farming systems which are profitable, environmentally beneficial, and good for communities through a nationwide research and education program made up of four regional programs.

The competitive grant program is part of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, and its funding is authorized under Subtitle B of Title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (FACTA).

This year's deadline for grant proposals is December 6, 2006. Agricultural producers, with support and guidance from a technical advisor, conduct the projects. Individual farmers may apply for up to \$10,000 and a group of three or more farmers may apply for up to \$20,000. Producers use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can be shared with other producers. Projects may also focus on marketing and organic production. A technical review will be held in January and the grant awards will be announced in the spring of 2007.

For more information on Research and Education grants contact:

Western SARE Office
Utah State University
(435) 797-2257

Following is an example of a local grant:

Graduate Fellow Grant: Sheep Grazing as a Tool for Vernal Pool Stewardship, Joan Schwan, principal investigator, Sonoma State University, received \$8,813 of Western SARE funding.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX

Our annual letter to pesticide use permit and operator identification number holders has been mailed out. This letter will tell you whether you need to make an appointment to renew with us or not. An agenda for the annual Grower Workshop was also included in the mailing.



FOR MORE
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Did you know that out of all of the agricultural pesticides used in Sonoma County in 2005 approximately ...

- ◇ 80% was sulfur (nearly all of which was organic)