

## 2006 CROP REPORT SURVEYS

Agricultural Biologist Cree Morgan has begun gathering information for Sonoma County's 2006 Crop Report. Surveys have been mailed to growers. The information obtained from growers includes planted acreage, units sold, and gross sales.

We request information from the following agricultural producers: Christmas trees, field crops, dairy, vegetable crops, eggs, fruit and nut crops, and nursery products.

The crop report will be released to the public in the spring 2007, after being presented to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Copies of the crop report will be available online after the presentation. You can view and download copies of the current and past crop reports from our website.

[http://www.sonoma-county.org/agcomm/crop\\_report.htm](http://www.sonoma-county.org/agcomm/crop_report.htm)

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## SECRETARY KAWAMURA ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CDFA News Release 11/17/06

SACRAMENTO – Friday, November 17, 2006 - California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura is announcing nine member vacancies and fourteen alternate member vacancies on the Certified Farmers' Market Advisory Committee. Appointments will be: five certified producer representatives, six alternate certified producer representatives, two certified farmers' market manager representatives, two alternate certified farmers' market manager representatives, one county agricultural commissioner representative, and one alternate agricultural commissioner representative.

The certified producer representatives must be active in the direct sales or marketing of certified agricultural products at certified farmers' markets.

The Certified Farmers' Market Advisory Committee is charged with making recommendations to the secretary on legislation, regulations, enforcement issues, administrative policies and procedures pertaining to the direct marketing of agricultural products at certified farmers' markets. Members serve for a term of two years and receive no compensation, but are



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## VACANCIES CONTINUED

entitled to payment of travel expenses.

Individuals interested in being considered for appointment as a member or an alternate member should send a letter of consideration and include a letter of recommendation from the industry. Nominations will be accepted until the positions are filled. Nominations can be sent to Kevin Masuhara, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Inspection Services Division, Certified Farmers' Market Program, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or emailed to [KMasuhara@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:KMasuhara@cdfa.ca.gov). For additional information contact Kevin Masuhara, (916) 445-2180, extension 3514.

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## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office is responsible for overseeing a Hazardous Materials Program (Hazmat) for agricultural facilities. Agricultural facilities storing greater than 55 gallons of fuel, lubricants, and/or hydraulic oil, or pesticides and/or fertilizer exceeding 500 lbs., 55 gallons, or 200 cu/ft qualify for the Hazmat Storage Program. Agricultural facilities which annually generate greater than 60 gallons of hazardous waste (i.e. waste oil, anti-freeze, lubricants, etc.) onsite from agricultural equipment qualify for the Waste Generator section of the program.

Each time growers update their pesticide spray permits in our office they also review their hazmat business plans for accuracy. It's important the business plans are accurate and contacts are current, in case of a spill or other emergency at a site. It is also important growers review their hazardous materials business plans inventory statements to verify the quantities. Annual billing amounts for the Hazmat Program are based on the volume of storage and/or waste generated at each site. There is an increased fee for facilities storing greater than 1,210 gallons cumulatively of fuel and lubricants onsite. Additionally, copies of a grower's business plan are forwarded from our office to the proper Fire Protection Districts and/or the Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services.

Any facility generating hazardous waste that uses a hazardous waste hauler to pick up from their site is required to provide the hauler with an EPA number. The hazardous waste hauler should request the EPA number prior to picking up the waste oil or antifreeze. To obtain an EPA number call the Department of Toxic Substance Control at (800) 618-6942 or visit their website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/index.cfm>.

Please contact Dan Curtin or Scott Wise if you have any questions regarding the Hazmat Program at (707) 565-2371.

Did you know that in 2005 the Agricultural Division inspected approximately ...

- ◊ 2,900 – plant shipments for the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter
- ◊ 2.9 – million chicken eggs for consumption
- ◊ 11,000 – packages at UPS, FedEx, Post Office, etc for pests and certification requirements

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## HAZMAT CONTACTS

In our office:

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