



Escondido Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine Avocado Handler Meeting*

3:00 PM Friday, November 16, 2007 at the San Diego County Farm Bureau

1670 E Valley Pkwy
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Avocado Handlers who intend to pack fruit harvested within the boundaries of the Escondido Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine, or have facilities within the quarantined area, are urged to attend an emergency meeting to review the protocols required by the USDA / CDFA to pack Hass and other avocado varieties.

USDA / CDFA / SD County and California Avocado Commission staff will be present to discuss quarantine regulatory requirements and address your questions or concerns.

While recent efforts by the Commission helped expedite regulatory action lowering the Mexfly host-status of Hass avocados, this change largely affects growers. Avocado handlers in the quarantine area, or packing fruit harvested from quarantine zones, MUST follow specific regulations on trace-back, harvesting, handling, transporting, and marketing of Hass and all other avocado varieties.

Hass growers no longer need to treat groves to release fruit from quarantine. HOWEVER this change does NOT apply to any other avocado varieties – the treatment requirements for release of Bacon, Fuerte, Lamb-Hass, Reed, Zutano and all others remain.

***Meeting specifically for avocado handlers/ concerned growers immediately follows public meetings at the SD Farm Bureau hosted by California Secretary of Agriculture, A. G. Kawamura, to discuss wildfire relief (12:00 - 2:00 pm) and the Mexican Fruit Fly Quarantine (2:00 – 3:00 pm).**

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