



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 Division of Plant Industry

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GROWER / CARETAKER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

Section 581.031(26), F.S. and Chapter 5B-63.001, F.A.C.

3027 Lake Alfred Road, Winter Haven, FL 33881

1. NAME & MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER OR AGENT:		2. PROPERTY LOCATION / IDENTIFICATION:	
1.0 C/A#	VAL.DATE:	2.0 BLOCKS: <small>(ATTACH LIST & PLAT PAGES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)</small>	
1.1 TEL#		2.1 T-R-S:	
1.2 EMAIL:		2.2 COUNTY:	
1.3 GROWER <input type="checkbox"/> / AGENT <input type="checkbox"/> / CARETAKER <input type="checkbox"/> / CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/>		2.3 CARETAKER: <small>(NAME OF CARETAKER)</small>	
3. REGULATED ARTICLE(S): Any article capable of transporting or harboring citrus canker, citrus greening, or the Asian citrus Psyllid.			
4. APPLICABLE STATE QUARANTINE(S) OR REGULATIONS: Rule Chapter 5B-63, F.A.C.			

In addition to the guidelines contained in Section 581, F.S. and Rule Chapter 5B-63, F. A. C., I / we understand the following provisions:

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR GROVE OPERATIONS

1. All grove owners / operators / agents and caretakers / contractors (including equipment operators, hedgers, toppers, etc.) who own, plant, maintain or service commercial citrus groves or citrus plantings consisting of forty or more trees are asked to sign a Citrus Health Response Program “GROWER / CARETAKER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT.” Owner or agent is the responsible party in this agreement, hereinafter referred to as “grower,” who will act in good faith to notify all who may enter grower’s property of Citrus Health Response Program (*Program*) decontamination guidelines, and report violators to Program officials.
2. Growers are asked to submit a Business Plan along with their Compliance Agreement. The plan should address site-specific strategies and action plans for controlling citrus greening, Asian citrus psyllid populations and citrus canker disease. When creating this business plan, each grower may consider the latest recommendations and Best Management Practices (BMPs) communicated by University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) for the detection of exotic diseases and the prevention of infection in each grove under control of said grower. The Program Business Plan should be updated each year and made available for inspection by Program officials as a part of the compliance agreement application or renewal process. See plan template outlined in Schedule 27; and submit a copy of the completed plan along with your completed agreement, and keep a working copy of your plan together with your copy of the agreement.

Growers are asked to implement mandatory self-survey, psyllid control, and decontamination programs in accordance with grower's site specific Business Plan. At a minimum, the grower should keep records of all surveys, control actions and pesticide applications so State inspectors are able to help assess the merits of said Business Plan. Any incidence of exotic citrus disease must be reported to Program authorities.

3. Training in recognition and prevention of exotic citrus diseases, along with required sanitary and decontamination practices will be conducted by UF-IFAS instructors or approved Division of Plant Industry (DPI) personnel. (See Schedule 10 for Program contact information).
4. All persons who enter a grove are responsible to decontaminate as described in this agreement. The Grower is responsible for the decontamination of all personnel and equipment under contract or supervision of the grower who provide a service to the grower, upon each departure of the grower's properties, statewide, unless said personnel and equipment are also in compliance with the Program, hold separate Program Compliance Agreements, and are, therefore, responsible for decontaminating their own equipment and personnel.
5. Approved decontamination of personnel and equipment is defined as follows:
 - 5.1.1. Prior to departing a citrus grove, a receiving facility, or a disposal site, all personnel should **inspect** vehicles and equipment for plant material and debris **and clean** all vehicles, equipment, picking sacks and clothing of all fruit, limbs, leaves, soil and debris prior to bacterial decontamination. This plant material and debris should be left on that property or be disposed of in a landfill that is fenced, prohibits the removal of dumped material and requires that dumped material be covered at the end of every day on which dumping occurs.
 - 5.1.2. Personnel and equipment must be decontaminated by an appropriate sanitizing method in accordance with *Approved Decontamination Products & Methods* (Schedule 11).
6. Grower is responsible for training its employees each year in the proper methods of decontamination.
7. All grove workers or caretakers accessing or working on any grove property should have adequate decontamination equipment readily available, located on site at all times while equipment or workers are present at the subject grove property, with adequate quantities of approved decontaminant solutions premixed and maintained at approved use dilutions, to decontaminate all job related equipment and personnel on that site in accordance with Citrus Health Response Program regulations.
8. Contiguous grove blocks under single ownership may be treated as one grove for decontamination purposes only if the blocks are in the same Section, and are truly contiguous. A public road or canal prevents this contiguity, unless canker infestations have been documented as being evenly distributed throughout these groves.
9. All citrus trees planted in new or established groves and all budwood used for top-working must be obtained from a citrus nursery registered with the DPI.
10. Authorized Program personnel should have access to the grove/ grove block, and to planting records and documents showing the origin of trees as requested.
 - 10.1. Grove middles and boundaries should be mowed or maintained by mechanical or other means to allow reasonably clear passage for personnel and equipment as required for plant inspection processes.

10.2. Documents pertaining to the origin of citrus trees within the grove should be maintained for a period of three years.

11. The Business Plan concept has been adopted as an integral part of the Program, with the understanding that the best strategies for controlling our current exotic pests are still being refined and will likely continue to evolve as new research information is forthcoming. Therefore, no penalties will be assessed for strategies that deviate from the UF-IFAS Best Management Practices for the 07-08 citrus harvesting season as long as there is some rationale to their use.

[Schedules 10, 11 & 27 incorporated by reference]

5. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	6. PRINTED NAME & TITLE	7. DATE SIGNED
The affixing of the signatures below will validate this agreement, which shall remain in effect until canceled or renewed, but may be revised as necessary or revoked for noncompliance. All previous editions of grove, caretaker, equipment, or citrus planting compliance agreements are rendered obsolete by this document.		8. AGREEMENT NO. CA-GROW_DR78F
[Redacted Signature Area]		9. DATE OF AGREEMENT 01-AUGUST-2007
10. OFFICIAL NAME & TITLE Mark Estes Regulatory Director	11. OFFICIAL ADDRESS Division of Plant Industry 3027 Lake Alfred Road Winter Haven, FL 33881-1438	
12. OFFICIAL SIGNATURE <i>Mark Estes</i>		