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RE: CITRUS HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM
2007 – 2008 HARVESTER/ HANDLER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

Dear Citrus Harvester or Handler:

The Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has revised the Citrus Health Response Program Compliance Agreements and Business Plans and is now in the process of releasing the documents for the 2007 - 2008 citrus harvesting season. The forms have been changed to an extent in an effort to better serve the current needs of the citrus industry.

The new Harvester/ Handler Compliance Agreement, which can be identified by the ID Number, "CA_HARV-DR78F," is now available on the Department's website and through any State Program Field Office. In addition to signing a compliance agreement, the completion and submittal of a business plan that outlines each harvester/ handler's internal citrus canker decontamination plan is required. Please note that sections of the business plan other than decontamination may be left blank by harvesters, as these pages apply only to growers and caretakers. Examples of business plans have been placed on our Citrus Health Response Program (CHRP) website for your convenience: <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/chrp/index.html>.

Both the new compliance agreement and business plan forms may be downloaded and printed from the State's website, and may be mailed or faxed to the Division of Plant Industry (FDACS/ DPI), 3027 Lake Alfred Road, Winter Haven, FL 33881; Fax# 863-291-5219. Please be aware that the new harvester/ handler compliance agreement regulations become effective as of November 19, 2007, and must be completed along with a business plan and be returned to the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services/ Division of Plant Industry/ CHRP headquarters in Winter Haven by December 31, 2007.

The Department intends to monitor compliance to determine the level of industry participation, while helping to safeguard the welfare of the citrus industry. Working closely with Florida's Citrus Industry, we can together determine suitable measures that will allow for profitable citrus production while keeping citrus canker and greening diseases in check.

NEW 2007 COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT – HARVESTER/ HANDLER (continued)

Instructions for completing compliance agreement by Form Section Number:

Owner or agent should print legibly in the white spaces provided for each area as is applicable.

Please correct any of your address / contact information before returning to the State CHRP office.

1.	Please fill in section 1 with business or individual's name and mailing address.
1.1	Record applicant's ten-digit telephone number in space provided.
1.2	Record applicant's ten-digit facsimile number or email address in space provided.
1.3	Fill in Occupation – i.e.: Harvester; Hauler; Handler; Scale House or similar facility.
1.4	List Equipment Type – i.e.: Mechanical Harvester; Mech. Loader; Pickup; Flat Bed Truck; Hauler; Facility.
2.	Print physical address of your primary facility or field operation headquarters.
2.1	Print the name of the county in which your physical operation, shop or barn resides.
2.2	Record Township – Range – Section (T-R-S) location. This information is required for all quarantine areas.
2.3	Record Equipment ID number or Vehicle license plate number.
2.4	Record authorized trainer decontamination certificate number(s).
3.	Regulated Articles are the items defined and regulated by federal and state authorities.
4.	Applicable State Quarantine(s) or Regulations are defined in Rule Chapter 5B-63, F.A.C. & 7 CFR 301.75.
5.	Sign in Authorized Signature box - requires the signature of applicant or authorized agent.
6.	Print name & title of person who signed this agreement in block #5.
7.	Fill in date signed - the date that the agreement was signed by applicant.
8.	Agreement No. is reserved for State use, and indicates the agreement revision series.
9.	Date of Agreement is the State's effective date of this Program document.
10.	Official Name & Title is reserved for use by State Program officials.
11.	Official Address is reserved for the State's Program office address.
12.	Official Signature is reserved for a State Program official's signature.
Note:	Schedules listed above the signature block of the agreement are legal attachments and integral parts of this compliance agreement, and should be read, printed, and completed as indicated from the State's official Web site.

For additional instructions, contact information and attachments (*Schedules*), or for assistance in completing your compliance agreement and business plan, please visit our official Web site (<http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/chrp/index.html>), or contact our help line at 1-800-282-5153. For technical assistance with your Business Plan, please contact our Citrus Health Response Program Statewide Regulatory Department in Winter Haven at 863-298-7723.

In closing, the Department's intent is to continue to work closely with Florida's Citrus Industry, The University of Florida – IFAS, and USDA/ APHIS in an effort to determine and implement the best methods available to grow and harvest high quality citrus fruit.

Sincerely,

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