



2022 APIARY REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION

Beekeepers with apiaries located in Stanislaus County shall register online through BeeWhere or by completing the attached apiary registration form. If your home (primary location) county is Stanislaus County, please submit your annual \$10 registration fee (only required if you have ten or more hives) along with your registration form.

BeeWhere (Online Registration Option)

Registration can be done online at **BeeWhere.calagpermits.org**. BeeWhere is a quick and easy registration option for California and out-of-state beekeepers. Please see attached fliers for more information regarding BeeWhere.

If you registered by paper for 2021 your information has been entered into BeeWhere and you will need to call our office (Ph. 209-525-4730) to receive your state identification number to access your information. If you currently have a BeeWhere account, please renew your registration and update your locations as needed through BeeWhere.

If you choose to register online, you will need to send your \$10 registration fee (only required if you have ten or more hives) to our office. Please make checks payable to "Stanislaus County" and write on the check your state identification number from BeeWhere.

Paper Registration

If you choose to register by completing the attached form, please provide the following information:

- Number of colonies at each location.
- Map or description of the location using roads, canals, intersections, and landmarks, giving direction, distance, and side of the road so it can be located on the county map. Provide GPS coordinates if known.
- **Option to request or decline notification prior to pesticide applications shall complete the corresponding portion of the apiary registration form.**

Please make checks payable to "Stanislaus County". Submit all payments, paper apiary registration forms, and pesticide notification requests to:

Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner
3800 Cornucopia Way Suite B
Modesto, CA 95358

REMINDERS

On January 1, 2019, AB 2468 enacted new legislation for apiary registration as follows in summary:

- Beekeepers operating in California on the first day of January shall register the number of colonies in each apiary (FAC 29040).
- Beekeepers who move bees into the state, or otherwise come into possession of an apiary that is located within the state after the first of January, shall register **the name of the owner and the number and location** of colonies moved into the state or so acquired within 30 days after coming into possession of the apiary (FAC 29042).
- **It is unlawful for a person** to maintain any apiary that is not registered. Each registration is valid until January 1 of the following year (FAC 20945).
- Any person relocating a colony of bees from a registered apiary in one county to another county, where the apiary is not registered for the current calendar year, shall notify the destination commissioner **within 72 hours of the first movement** (FAC 29070).
- Any apiary operator or his or her designated representative relocating a colony of bees within a county where the apiary is currently registered **shall notify the commissioner of the movement** (FAC 29070.5).
- Each beekeeper shall pay an annual registration fee of \$10.00 to the Agricultural Commissioner of the county where the bees reside to cover the cost of apiary registration (FAC 29044).

APIARY REGISTRATION UPDATES

Effective January 1, 2020, AB 2468 legislation for apiary registration will allow the County Agricultural Commissioner the authority to impose an administrative civil penalty (monetary fine) for a violation of certain requirements regulating the registration and identification of apiaries and relocation of bee colonies.

Please identify your hives according to Food and Agriculture Code 29046

- (a) No person shall maintain an apiary on premises other than that of his or her residence unless the apiary is identified as follows:

(1) By a sign that is prominently displayed on the entrance side of the apiary or stenciled on the hive, that states in dark letters not less than one inch in height on a background of contrasting color, the name of the owner or person responsible for the apiary, his or her address and telephone number, or if he or she has no telephone, a statement to that effect.

California apiary laws pertaining to registration and hive identification can be found in the California Food & Agricultural Code, Sections 29040-29056.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PROTECTION OF BEES

CCR SECTION 6650 PESTICIDES TOXIC TO BEES

(a) Pesticides toxic to bees are those that include the words "toxic to bees" on the labeling of the pesticide, regardless of modifying words on the label that state "highly" or "moderately."

(b) Bees are considered to be inactive from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise or when the temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The sunset and sunrise times will be those indicated in the local newspaper.

(c) Residual Toxicity (RT) time is that period of time after completing a pesticide application until there is minimal toxic effect to bees. The RT time is specified on product labeling and is based upon Residual Toxicity²⁵ (RT²⁵) studies. RT²⁵ studies determine 25 percent bee mortality based on the test bee population exposed to the formulated pesticide product applied to foliage.

CCR SECTION 6652 AVAILABILITY FOR NOTIFICATION

(a) Each beekeeper who desires advanced notice of applications of pesticides shall inform the commissioner of a two-hour period between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day, during which time the beekeeper shall be available for contact, at the beekeeper's expense, to receive advance notice from persons intending to apply pesticide(s). This request for notification shall expire on December 31 each year.

CCR SECTION 6654 NOTIFICATION TO BEEKEEPERS

(a) Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.

(b) If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied, and how the person performing pest control may be contacted by the beekeeper. This time may be increased or decreased by the commissioner, or by an agreement of both the beekeeper and the person performing the pest control work.