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## **Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures Monthly Update - October 2021**

### **PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM:**

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### **Online Continuing Education Units (CEU) Available for Private Applicator Certificate (PAC) Holders:**

Private Applicator Certificate licenses issued by our department can be renewed either by re-examination or by obtaining the required amounts of Continuing Education hours (6 total hours with at least 2 hours of Laws & Regulations). Due to COVID related precautions, we encourage all PAC license holders to renew their licenses through class attendance rather than re-examination, if possible.

Many PAC licenses will expire at the end of the 2021 calendar year, and we encourage those certificate holders with expiring licenses to obtain the necessary credits well in advance of the December 31 deadline.

Please review the following websites for a variety of free and low-cost online classes approved for CEU by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation:

- **DPR** lists upcoming classes approved for continuing education. They are listed by month, or by "Continuous, Online and Correspondence Classes", "Text-Based Correspondence Classes" and "Spanish Continuing Education Classes."  
[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cont\\_ed\\_cfm/classes.htm](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/cont_ed_cfm/classes.htm)
- **SLO County Pest Management Series** (Free/see website for dates)  
English: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/2020SLO\\_Q/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/2020SLO_Q/)  
Spanish: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/2020SLO\\_Q/Registration - Spanish\\_Presentations/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/2020SLO_Q/Registration - Spanish_Presentations/)
- **UC IPM Online Training**  
<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/training/>
- **UCIPM Workshops**- See Pesticide Safety Webinar Series (Free/5 hours Laws and Regs English, 1 hours Laws and Regs - English/Spanish)  
<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/IPMPROJECT/workshops.html>

- **Western Farmpress** (5 hours of free classes)  
<https://agceuonline.com>
- **Agrian University** (Free/1.5 hours of classes and 1.5 hours Laws and Regs)  
[Agrian E-Learning Courses | AGRIAN](#)

Please contact our office, or your district Pesticide Use Enforcement inspector, if you have any additional questions about finding approved CEU classes or the PAC renewal process.

**The California Department of Pesticide Regulation announces public webinars on the potential development of a statewide pesticide application notification system:**

The Department of Pesticide Regulation is conducting public webinars to collect input on the design and development of a statewide system to provide notification in advance of pesticide applications. The webinars will be held virtually on November 2nd and 3rd in both English and Spanish.

**DATES**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (in English with Spanish translation available)

November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (in Spanish with English translation available)

Information on how to join the virtual meeting and details regarding the proposed notification system are available at the following link:

[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pesticide\\_notification\\_network/](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pesticide_notification_network/)

**INSECT TRAPPING PROGRAM:**

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**European Grapevine Moth Trapping completed for 2021 Season:**

County Pest Detection Trappers removed the last of the 1,100 European Grapevine Moth (EGVM) traps from vineyards countywide in mid-September finding no moths in 2021. Native to Italy, EGVM is a serious pest of wine grapes, as the larva feed on grape flowers and developing fruit. Originally detected in Napa County in 2009, a concentrated effort to eradicate EGVM was made through the combined efforts of the United States Department of Agriculture, California Department of Food and Agriculture, University of California, California Counties, and grape growers.

No moths have been detected in California since June of 2014 and eradication was declared in August 2016. Because EGVM poses a significant threat to California vineyards, trapping efforts continue to ensure that any potential new infestations are discovered early. San Luis Obispo County's local grape industry was valued at over \$218 million in 2020.

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**MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Nutrient Management Conference at Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo on October 27 - 28:**

The Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP), in collaboration with Western Plant Health (WPH) is hosting the 2021 Nutrient Management Conference in San Luis Obispo later this month.

Details are available at the website linked to below:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/IS/ffldrs/frep/FREPConference.html>

**USDA Announces Higher Loan Limits are now available for Guaranteed Farm Loans:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that higher loan limits will be available for borrowers seeking a guaranteed farm loan starting October 1, 2021, increasing from \$1.776 million to \$1.825 million.

Details are available at the website linked to below:

[https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/California/news-releases/2021/higher-loan-limit-now-available-for-usda-guaranteed-farm-loans-10042021\\_rel001](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/California/news-releases/2021/higher-loan-limit-now-available-for-usda-guaranteed-farm-loans-10042021_rel001)