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Imperial County PQ Policy

Applications	<p>Send original and 2 copies directly to CDFA: California Department of Food and Agriculture PEST EXCLUSION BRANCH 1220 N Street, Room 325 Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Available online: https://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/PE/InteriorExclusion/CPTM/pdf/Form66_085.pdf You will receive a returned copy by mail. This confirms receipt by CDFA; if not received, please call. Please submit a separate application for each field. Applications must be filled out completely as incomplete applications cause delays, and we may not be able to inspect until you submit the necessary information.</p>
Deadlines	<p>Alfalfa: March 10th Onion: 50% in bloom, usually March Wheat: Tillering stage, usually December/January Other: Case-by-case, call if you have questions</p>
Maps	<p>The grower's pesticide permit map must be included with the application. It must be clear and legible, including cross streets, and indicate which field to inspect. We will contact you if any map discrepancies are found, which may cause delays.</p>
Additional Pathogens	<p>The Crop Pest & Disease List has been updated. Please review the list and let us know if additional pathogen certification is required. To support your request, provide a copy of the phytosanitary requirements (PExD) or the Import Permit (IP). Mark "Yes(Y)" on the application. The CDFA Laboratory must approve the additional pathogens prior to inspection. https://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/PE/InteriorExclusion/pdf/CropsDiseases&Inspections.pdf</p>
Communication	<p>Any substantial changes to an application must be confirmed in writing or by email between the county and the applicant. We will regularly call to confirm that the fields are safe to enter and ready for inspection. What we need to know: Any active chemical applications that may be hazardous or have restricted entry intervals. Is the field recently irrigated/too wet to enter? Is the field in the right stage of growth? For alfalfa, at least 8 inches tall for 1st inspection Anything else that you may consider a safety concern.</p>
Billing	<p>Invoices are mailed out monthly to the address listed on the application. They are due on the 20th of each month and past due on the 25th. Services may be suspended until payment is received. Failure to submit payment promptly may result in the suspension of inspections and, ultimately, the inability to certify a particular field.</p> <p>CDFA will bill for tests performed at their laboratory. The invoices will come directly to you from CDFA. https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/ppd/feeschedule.html#pricelist</p>
Fees	<p>\$10.00 Processing Fee for each application received. \$3.00/acre For each field inspection trip, with a minimum charge of \$90.00 \$40.00 Seed samples, if requested.</p>
Cancellation	<p>Cancellation requests are the responsibility of the applicant and must be made in writing. Inspections performed prior to request will be invoiced as usual. Without a cancellation request, all inspections will be performed and billed.</p>