



COMMERCIAL FEED  
REGULATORY PROGRAM

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services Branch

# QUARTERLY FEED UPDATE

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## Enhanced Safety Procedures for Inspections and Sampling During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) is responsible for ensuring the safety of livestock feed manufactured and distributed in the state of California, and its activities have been deemed mission critical for the California Department of Food and Agriculture. To continue to provide this essential public service during the COVID-19 pandemic, CFRP has implemented enhanced field activity procedures.

The goal of these enhanced procedures is not only to ensure the safety of CFRP inspectors, but also to minimize the risk posed to firm representatives and personnel during mission critical inspection and sampling activities. These procedures will be utilized in areas where there are physical distancing/shelter in place recommendations, advisories, and/or orders in effect from Federal, State and County public health and safety representatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For all routine and violation follow-up inspections, CFRP staff will contact the firm by phone or email prior to visiting. The inspector will:

- Explain why the firm is being contacted for an inspection.
- Explain the enhanced inspection procedures meant to minimize close proximity contact of the inspector and firm representative and staff.
- Inquire if the firm has had any employees test positive for COVID-19 or if anyone has been sick.
- Determine if the firm has established any additional biosecurity procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that the inspector should adhere to.
- Respond to questions or concerns that firm representative may have about receiving an inspection, advise them to contact supervisor or senior environmental scientist for further clarification if needed.
- Obtain key information allowing the inspection to proceed with as little close quarter contact (i.e., office, scale house, control room) as reasonably necessary.
- Ask that the firm have necessary documents available for review (either sent electronically or available in an organized packet onsite) such as production records, drug logs, receiving documents, etc.

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## Enhanced Safety Procedures, Continued

Please be advised that inspectors will still be conducting surveillance sampling that may be unannounced. However, when conducting all sampling and inspection activities, inspectors will:

- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE); firm representatives are also requested to wear their firm's required PPE.
- Maintain 6-foot physical distancing when able and limit time spent in close quarters with firm representatives.
- Utilize electronic document review, whenever possible.

Clean-in and clean-out procedures will be performed by inspectors each time they arrive or leave a facility, including:

- Putting on PPE before entering the facility, including boot covers, face mask, and latex examination gloves.
- Using disinfecting wipes to clean pens, clipboards, phones, and sampling equipment.
- Before leaving the facility, discarding PPE and disinfecting wipes into a container designated as biological hazard or trash.

CFRP appreciates the California feed industry's understanding and cooperation with these enhanced procedures. If you have any questions or concerns about inspection and sampling activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact the inspector for your region or the CFRP main office at (916) 900-5022. In addition, COVID-19 resources for food and agriculture are available on the CDFA website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/>.



*Personal Protective Equipment*

## Commercial Feed License Renewals are Due!

**Commercial Feed License Renewals are due beginning July 1, 2020.**

California law requires each person to obtain a license from the secretary for each location where commercial feed is manufactured, distributed, sold, or stored for later sale. The Commercial Feed License fee is \$500 and licenses are valid for one year, beginning July 1st and expiring June 30th of the following year.

Renew your Commercial Feed License online today by visiting: <https://inspect.cdfa.ca.gov/evj/ExtraView> or by calling our office at (916) 900-5022.

**Be sure to renew your license by July 31, 2020, to avoid the \$100 delinquent payment penalty.**

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## Commercial Feed Licensee Contact Information Update

The Department is requesting that all licensees provide updated contact information for individuals that should be notified of commercial feed violations issued and enforcement actions taken by the Department. Current and accurate contact information is necessary to ensure that the appropriate individuals at the firm/parent company and the licensed location are notified in a timely manner of any issues requiring correction at the facility.

Before submitting your Commercial Feed License renewal, please ensure the correct individuals and their current contact information are identified for the roles below:

**Firm's Registered Agent or Legal Representative** - The person at the firm/parent company that is legally responsible for company operations and who should be notified of any violations issued or enforcement actions taken. To update this information in the database, check the "Edit Firm" box in the firm section, make the changes, uncheck "Edit Firm," then click "Update & Continue" to save the information.

**Licensed Location's Representative Responsible for Compliance with Commercial Feed Law and Regulations** - The person at the licensed location that should be notified of any violations issued or enforcement actions taken.

If you have any questions or need assistance with updating your contact information, please contact the Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services Branch by emailing [ffldrs@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:ffldrs@cdfa.ca.gov) or calling 916-900-5022.



## SAFE Program Update

The Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program is currently developing a web-based Medicated Feed Labeling training focused on assisting the feed industry in the development of medicated feed labels that meet the California label requirements.

The SAFE program is also currently working with the University of California, Davis, on a research project studying the use of hemp residues from CBD oil extraction to determine if it is a viable feedstuff.

For more information and resources, please visit the SAFE Program's website at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/safe.html>



## Almond Hull Products Compliance

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) is reminding the almond hull industry of the program's compliance plan regarding all almond hull, and almond hull and shell crude fiber violations. This has been implemented to increase compliance and reduce the official sample violation rate for products defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 3, Section 2773.5 Almond Hulls, and will remain in effect until further notice.

CFRP recognizes that firms are at the end of their 2019 crop year inventory; however, the program has seen an increase in violations occurring. As a reminder to industry, CFRP requests firms ensure any product sold as almond hulls maintain compliance with the requirements described in the Food and Agricultural Code and California Code of Regulations.



### **Food and Agricultural Code, Section 15041:**

A commercial feed is adulterated in the following cases: (c) Its composition differs from, or quality falls below, that which it is purported or is represented to possess by its labeling.

### **California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Section 2773.5. Almond Hulls:**

(a) Almond hulls are obtained by drying that portion of the almond fruit which surrounds the nut. They shall not contain more than 13.0 percent moisture, nor more than 15.0 percent crude fiber, and not more than 9.0 percent ash. If they contain more than 15.0 percent but less than 29.0 percent crude fiber, they shall be labeled "Almond Hull and Shell," and the maximum percent of crude fiber shall be stated. If the crude fiber exceeds 29.0 percent, the product shall be labeled "Almond Shell." If the ash exceeds 9.0 percent, the term "and dirt" shall be included in the product name. Almond hull products shall be free of foreign material, including plastic, glass, and metal except in such trace amounts as unavoidably occur in good manufacturing practices.

(b) When the following almond hull products are used in a mixed feed, the maximum percent shall be stated.

- (1) Almond hull and shell.
- (2) Almond shell.
- (3) Almond products containing more than 9.0 percent ash.

For additional information or questions, please contact Mike Davidson, Supervising Special Investigator, at (209) 649-3682.

Have feed questions? We can help!

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