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To: The California Citrus Industry

Orange Maturity Books

The California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Article 22, Citrus, Code Section §1430.36 Orange Maturity, was amended on April 1, 2012, to include the California Standard Scale used to determine navel orange maturity. The testing equipment and inspection procedure used in determining navel orange maturity remains unchanged.

The California Standard Scale/Sugar Acid Ratio Books are now available for industry members. The cost for each book is $12.00 and includes shipping costs. To obtain a CA Standard Scale/Sugar Acid Ratio Book, make checks payable to:

Cashier, Department of Food and Agriculture, 41101, and mail to:

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Inspection and Compliance Branch
Attn: Margaret Lopez
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Citrus County Agricultural Commissioner’s staff will provide a California Standard Scale/Sugar Acid Ratio Book to each citrus packing facility lab during testing equipment certification.

If you have any questions, please call me at (559) 977-5416.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ed Williams, County Liaison
    County Agricultural Commissioners
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