

Seed Services Recent Activities

May 10, 2023

Seed Advisory Board Meeting

Seed Services

Registered Seed Sellers 22/23

- ▶ 524 Firms registered in 20/21
 - plus 105 “Doing Business As”
 - ▶ 386 California Firms
 - ▶ 322 Out of State Firms
 - ▶ 22 international Firms

22/23 Seed Subvention

- ▶ 54 Counties participating
- ▶ FAC 52323-52325
- ▶ Sunsets July 1, 2024 - Bill at the assembly
- ▶ \$120,000 paid in arrears
- ▶ Based on performance standards
 - ▶ Inspection of labeler premises and labels
 - ▶ Participation of Commissioner on seed complaint committee

Seed Law Enhancement Program (SLEP)

- ▶ Funded with unclaimed gas taxes
- ▶ 130 seed sales firms added to the County inspections as well as 300+ more label evaluations - \$180,000
- ▶ Training webinars “Seed Law Labeling Training”
- ▶ Additional Funds available for:
 - ▶ County Staff Sampler Training - \$90,000
 - ▶ Seed Sampling Equipment - \$20,000
 - ▶ Seed Complaint Investigations - \$150,000

Mediation Statement Change effective as of 7/1/2023

Amend Section 3915.1 to read:

The following notice, or an equivalent notice that includes the required information in this section, shall appear upon every label of agricultural or vegetable seed except as provided in Section 3867:

NOTICE ARBITRATION/CONCILIATION/MEDIATION REQUIRED BY SEVERAL STATES

Under the seed laws of several states, arbitration, mediation or conciliation is required as a prerequisite to maintaining a legal action based upon the failure of seed to which this notice is attached to produce as represented. The consumer shall file a complaint (~~sworn for AR, FL, IN, MS, SC, TX, WA; signed only CA, ID, ND, SD~~) along with the required filing fee (where applicable) with the ~~Commissioner/Director/Secretary of Agriculture, Seed Commissioner, or Chief Agricultural Officer~~ Designated State Authority within such time as to permit inspection of the crops, plants or trees by the designated agency and the seedman from whom the seed was purchased. A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the seller by certified or registered mail or as otherwise provided by state statute.

Authority cited: Sections 407 and 52332, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 52332 and 52456, Food and Agricultural Code.

Ongoing topics

- ▶ Online seed sellers
- ▶ Seed Assessment auditing
- ▶ Seed Borne Diseases -CGMMV, Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus, viroids