



NEWS RELEASE

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Kern County Agricultural Commissioner, Glenn Fankhauser, announced that 12:01 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2026, is the date establishing the 10% bloom stage for all citrus South of 7th Standard Road.

This establishes the beginning of a time period when the use of insecticides is greatly restricted in citrus groves to enable bees to work the citrus blossoms and reduce the potential of serious pesticide damage to the bees.

All citrus growers, pest control operators, and beekeepers must comply with sections 6983 and 6984 of the California Code of Regulations covering the citrus/bee protection areas. The area within one mile of any citrus planting of one acre or more is designated as a citrus/bee protection area.

Any questions regarding the citrus bloom period or citrus/bee protection regulations should call the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's Office at (661) 868-6300.