



November 13, 2015

AVO-15-06

TO: MEMBERS OF THE AVOCADO INDUSTRY AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONERS

RE: AVOCADO EXEMPTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND REVISIONS

The following information is intended to provide clarification regarding the Avocado Exemption Permit requirements and the recent permit revisions.

All California produced avocados prepared for fresh market must be certified. Certification is provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Avocado Inspection Program. An exemption permit may be issued in lieu of certification to any producer selling at a certified farmers' market or authorized outlet or location.

The Avocado Exemption Permit has been revised to include the following requirements found in Division 17 of the Food and Agricultural Code:

- A maximum of 10 containers of avocados can be sold under each permit.
- Not more than 4 permits may be issued to any person, firm, or family of the same household during the calendar year.
- Each container exempted by the permit shall be marked or stickered with the words "Avocado Permit" immediately followed by the permit number designation.

An exemption permit will not be issued until all sizes of the variety(s) requested have been released as meeting the minimum maturity requirements. The following may be used as a guide:

HASS	No permits will be issued between November 1 and January 16.
BACON	No permits will be issued between September 30 and December 9.
FUERTE	No permits will be issued between September 30 and December 15.
ZUTANO	No permits will be issued between October 31 and January 4.
PINKERTON	No permits will be issued between October 31 and January 11.
GWEN	No permits will be issued between December 31 and April 3.
LAMB HASS	No permits will be issued between April 1 and July 17.
REED	No permits will be issued from April 1 until final release of all sizes.

SPRING/SUMMER VARIETIES No permits will be issued until the final release of all sizes.

FALL/WINTER VARIETIES No permits will be issued until the final release of all sizes.



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Avocado producers may contact the appropriate inspection office to either schedule an appointment to apply for the permit, or to request a dry matter test be performed to obtain certification.

There is no charge for the permit or the dry matter test, however there is a charge of \$.15 per hundred pounds for avocados that are certified.

Avocado Inspection Program Offices are located at:

326 State Place
Escondido, 92029
(760) 743-4712

27537 Commerce Center Drive, Suite 103
Temecula, 92590
(951) 676-6570

705 E. Main Street, Suite A
Santa Paula, 93060
(805) 933-8017

Appointments should be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 743-4712.

Sincerely,



Kathie Yniguez
F&VQC Supervisor II
Avocado Inspection Program
Inspection Services

cc: Gary Leslie, County Liaison
Brian Cote, CFM Program Supervisor



October 2, 2015

TO: AVOCADO HANDLERS
AIC MEMBERS

The following are the Date /Size maturity releases 2015/2016:

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size 40</u>	<u>Size 48</u>	<u>Size 60</u>	<u>Size 70 & Smaller</u>
Bacon	10/21	11/04	11/25	12/09
Fuerte	10/27	11/10	12/01	12/15
Hass	11/28	12/12	01/02	01/16
Zutano	11/16	11/30	12/21	01/04

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size 28</u>	<u>Size 32</u>	<u>Size 36</u>	<u>Size 40</u>	<u>Size 48 & Smaller</u>
Pinkerton	11/23	12/07	12/21	12/28	01/11

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size 32</u>	<u>Size 36</u>	<u>Size 40</u>	<u>Size 48</u>	<u>Size 60 & Smaller</u>
Gwen	02/06	02/20	03/06	03/20	04/03

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size 32</u>	<u>Size 36</u>	<u>Size 40</u>	<u>Size 48</u>	<u>Size 60</u>	<u>Size 70 & Smaller</u>
Lamb Hass	05/08	05/22	06/05	06/19	07/03	07/17

Sincerely,

Kathie Yniguez, F&VQC Supervisor II
Avocado Inspection Program
Inspection Services





June 11, 2015

TO: AVOCADO HANDLERS
AIC MEMBERS

The following are Date/Size maturity release dates for the 2014/2015 season:

Variety	Size	Release Date
Reed	36 and Larger	6/19/15

Variety	Size	Release Date
Reed	40	6/30/15

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