



Agriculture Access Verification Program

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

September 19, 2023

Current Program Overview

- Approved Activities
 - Evacuating/Feeding/Watering or care for livestock
 - Irrigating Crops
 - Fueling Emergency Generators
 - Auxiliary support to emergency personnel
- 168 Applications received
 - 103 have been issued
 - 46 have been issued for Commercial Livestock Producers
 - 43 have been issued for Commercial Plant Agriculture Producers
 - 14 was issued for both Livestock and Plant Agriculture Producers



Application Process

- Online process
 - Letter of authorization form
 - Review and validation by AWM
 - Fire safety training course
 - Appointment with the Sheriff's Office



Application for Sonoma County Agriculture Access Verification Card

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF / DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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English

Instructions:

Thank you for your interest in the Agricultural Access Verification Card Program.

Your application will be reviewed in the order received. Once your application has been reviewed, you will receive a separate email notifying you of your application status (approved, denied, appointment needed, or on hold pending additional information) and additional instructions.

For information regarding the Agricultural Access Verification Card Program, including eligibility and authorization requirements, please visit <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/AWM/AgAccess>.



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Safety Course

- Overview and Administration
- Introduction to the Incident Response Pocket Guide
- Parts of a Vegetation Fire
- Situational Awareness/Look up-Look Down/Weather
- The 10 Standard Fire Orders/LCES
- The 18 Situations that Shout Watch Out
- Fireline Hazards and Strategies
- Entrapment Avoidance
- Lessons Learned and Hot Topics
- Wildland Personal Protective Equipment
- Vegetation Management
- Water Sources
- Readiness Supplies to Carry with You
- Aircraft & Powerline Awareness and Protocol
- High Visibility Address Signs
- Traffic Patterns and Time for Fire Personnel Safety



County	What Does it Cover	Activities Allowed	Limit on Number for Access
Marin	Livestock and Plant Agriculture	Sheltering, moving, transporting, evacuating, feeding, watering, or administering veterinary care to livestock Milking of dairy cows twice per day Transporting milk out of the affected area Repairing fences, managing irrigation infrastructure Perform essential crop management and agricultural activities Providing local expertise to emergency personnel. This expertise shall only be provided when requested by emergency personnel	One Ag pass is good for a car with up to 6 occupants. Ag Pass holder must be present.
Napa	Livestock and Plant Agriculture	Feeding, watering, or evacuating commercial livestock, Crop irrigation, harvest, wine-making activities including crush, punch downs, pump overs	1 person per card
Solano	Livestock and Plant Agriculture	Shelter, transport, evacuate, feed/water and administer livestock veterinary care; Perform essential crop management and agricultural activities; and, Provide, upon request, support to emergency personnel (such as identifying access roads and water points)	10 per pass under direct supervision of a valid pass holder: e.g. 1 valid pass holder plus 9 employees
Lake	Livestock and Plant Agriculture	Sheltering, moving, transporting, evacuating, feeding, watering, or administering veterinary care to livestock Perform essential crop management and agricultural activities	Specific rosters for issuance
Mendocino	Livestock and Plant Agriculture	Sheltering, moving, transporting, evacuating, feeding, watering, or administering veterinary care to livestock Providing local expertise to emergency personnel. This expertise shall only be provided when requested by emergency personnel Perform essential crop management and agricultural activities	Up to four managerial employees may be issued identification



UCCE Survey Results

- Fire Safety Training Course
 - 71 completed a survey related to obtaining an Ag Pass
 - 66 respondents are eligible to apply for an Ag Pass
 - 33 respondents obtained an Ag Pass
- Of those:
- All were owner/operators or full-time employees
 - The majority (20) were winegrape growers
 - Los comentarios indicaron áreas de mejora en el proceso o la capacitación





Questions/Discussion

Preguntas/Discusión



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