

## DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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TO: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

We are frequently asked if a golf course superintendent is required to be licensed as an "agricultural pest control adviser".

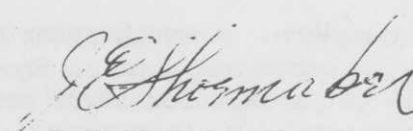
The California Food and Agricultural Code requires that all persons recommending agricultural pest control methods must secure a license from this Department. "Agricultural pest control adviser" is defined as any person who, as a requirement of or incidental to his employment or his occupation offers a recommendation to a producer of an agricultural product or to any public or private agency concerning any agricultural use or who holds himself forth as an authority on any agricultural use.

Agricultural use is generally defined as all pesticide uses except (1) home use, (2) structural use, (3) industrial and institutional use, (4) use under a veterinarian's prescription, and (5) certain local districts that operate under a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Health.

A recommendation is defined as giving any instruction or advice on any agricultural use as to any particular application on any particular property. Golf courses are included within the scope of agricultural use as defined in the Food and Agricultural Code.

Therefore, all golf course superintendents, except municipal employees, are required to be licensed as agricultural pest control advisers if recommendations are made for pest control on the golf course where he is employed.

The annual fee is \$25, renewable by January 1 of each calendar year.

  
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