

## COOP EXTENSION COMPILES SAFETY RULES FOR AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL WORK

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**A**gricultural (Horticultural) employers are required to comply with myriad regulations that are not all well publicized. A major problem for many farmers, as well as urban agricultural or horticultural managers, who want to meet their legal responsibilities is lack of knowledge of what the rules are, or misunderstanding of their specifications. In the realm of workplace safety, employers have a general obligation to observe every applicable safety order issued under the California Occupational Safety and Health Act (Cal-OSHA), but access to those orders has been both expensive and cumbersome.

A new reference book from the University of California Cooperative Extension alleviates this problem for farm business owners, as well as the broad range of Green

Industry Managers. Publication APMP001, Selected Safety Orders Affecting Agricultural Employers, contains the general industrial safety orders (GISOs) that are most likely to apply to agricultural and horticultural work. It includes, for example, rules regarding field sanitation, pruning saws, hand and portable power tools, transportation of employees and materials, machinery and tractors. A detailed table of contents and a subject index help readers find regulations that pertain to a specific interest.

"Plenty of public policies have been designed to protect the human as well as other natural resources involved in agriculture," says Howard Rosenberg, Extension Labor Management Specialist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC College of Natural Resources at Berkeley. "Though they apply to the many, they are comprehended by the few. Disseminating this set of GISOs to the people who are

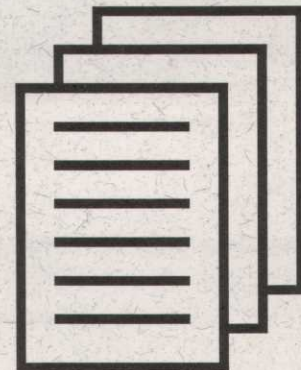
supposed to follow them certainly ought to reduce a significant barrier between their intent and effect."

The 134-page publication was developed by Stephen R. Sutter, UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor, and L. George Daniels III of the Farm Employers Labor Service, with sponsorship of the UC Agricultural Personnel Management Program.

Daniels says, "In developing our publication we appreciate the cooperation we received from Barclay's Law Publishers which produces the official version of the California Code of Regulations on behalf of the State of California. These regulations are subject to change. Information on changes to these regulations may be obtained and copies of or updates to the regulations may be ordered from Barclay's Law

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