

Proclamation



CALIFORNIA POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 22-28, 2008

Whereas, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers, pollinating \$16 billion of crops in the U.S., including almonds and other specialty crops in California; and

Whereas, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, the state of California has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

Whereas, the state of California provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that the California Department of Food and Agriculture joins in celebrating the week of June 22-28, 2008 as California Pollinator Week throughout the State of California, and urges all citizens to recognize this observance through local activities and events.

A.G. Kawamura, Secretary
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