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To: Agricultural Producers
From: Janice Campbell, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner
Subject: Federally Restricted Rodent Bait
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Rodenticides containing anticoagulants, such as chlorophacinone and diphacinone, are now federally restricted. Supplies of the baits with the outdated non-restricted labels are no longer available. This means that growers need to become certified as a private applicator before purchasing and using these vertebrate baits, including the P.C.Q. Pelleted Rodent Bait. In addition to becoming certified as a private applicator, growers still need to have a valid Operator Identification Number (OIN) or Restricted Materials Permit (RMP).

The process for becoming certified is fairly simple. You will have to take a test, but it is free! Study materials are available for the exam. A booklet produced by the University of California titled "Pesticide Safety –A Reference Manual for Private Applicators" is available for purchase through the San Luis Obispo Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures for \$7.53 (check only, no cash or credit card). It includes information about laws and regulation for handling pesticides and has practice tests at the end of each chapter with answers, to help prepare you for the real thing. The actual test will not have the same questions as in the booklet, but will cover similar content.

If you are interested in becoming certified, set up an appointment with your district inspector to take the certified private applicator exam. Depending on your test-taking skills, it can take an hour or longer, but you will have all the time you need.

Please call your nearest Agricultural Commissioner's office to schedule an appointment:

Templeton	434-5950
San Luis Obispo	781-5910
Arroyo Grande	473-7090

Besides becoming Federally Restricted the label directions were modified in several significant ways, so **read these labels carefully before your purchase and prior to your use**. Some of the changes may include: mandatory pre-baiting with untreated grain; mandatory carcass removal and disposal; livestock grazing restrictions while bait is present; specific limitations to treatment sites/locations; prohibitions for use in or around homes for baits that are broadcast (spot baited) or used in bait stations; specific directions for bait station design and mandatory placement instructions.