

Privacy Notice & Policy

Pursuant to Government code section 11019.9 all departments and agencies of the State of California, shall enact and maintain a permanent privacy policy, in adherence with the Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code section 1798 et seq.). This policy has been developed and is maintained in accordance with the Information Practices Act of 1977 (Title 1.8 [commencing with Section 1798] of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code), and Sections 11015.5 and 11019.9 of the Government Code. In response to this requirement, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) sets forth the following privacy policy:

The CDFA, Inspection Services Division, Feed, Fertilizer, Livestock Drugs and Egg Regulatory Services (FFLDERS) Branch limits the collection of personal information to what is relevant and necessary to accomplish a lawful purpose of the CDFA, FFLDERS Branch. In order to properly identify person(s) & business locations we need to know someone's name, address, telephone number and federal identification number, among other things, to properly identify the person and business location. This also helps to ensure security and individuality of an online username and password while utilizing CDFA, FFLDERS database.

Personally identifiable information or data includes, but is not limited to, information that is maintained by CDFA, that identifies or describes an individual and/or business, including, name, federal identification number, business address and telephone number, facility and/or product description, and tonnage and assesment information. When you view information fields on this website, some non-confidential data may be collected. Fields which are highlighted in red are distinguished as mandatory, whereas those in blue are optional and may be used for informational purposes. Failure to complete all fields identified as mandatory, will result in CDFA, FFLDERS inability to process your form and may result in a delinquent status.

Personal identifiable data will not be disclosed, made available, or otherwise used by CDFA, FFLDERS for purposes other than those specified, except with the consent of the subject of the data, or as required by law or regulation. Civil Code §1798.24 contains a list of exceptions to the overall prohibition on disclosure of personal information. Some of these exceptions include requests made pursuant to the Public Records Act, a search warrant or subpoena, or to a request by the individual to whom the information pertains. For a complete list of circumstances where disclosure is permitted, please contact the person responsible for the implementation of and adherence to this privacy policy specified below.

Personally identifiable information collected shall be relevant to the purpose for which it is needed. CDFA, FFLDERS shall maintain in its records only personal information that is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the agency required or authorized by the California Constitution, statute, regulation, or mandated by the federal government. (Civil Code §1798.14)

The general means by which personally identifiable data is protected against loss, unauthorized access, use, modification, or disclosure includes, but is not limited to, taking reasonable precautions to protect the personal identifiable information on individuals collected or maintained by the CDFA, FFLDERS against loss, unauthorized access, and illegal use or disclosure. Personally identifiable information is stored in secure locations. Our staff is trained on procedures for the release of information, and access to such information is limited to those staff whose work requires it.

The position in CDFA responsible for the implementation of and adherence to this privacy policy is Joy Lane, Agency Information Security Officer at (916) 654-0442.

If you have any questions regarding the Privacy Policy or Notice, please contact General Counsel by writing to (or calling):

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