

AVOCADO INSPECTION PROGRAM  
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**CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET EXEMPTION PERMIT**

Avocado Certification is required for anyone selling avocados. Certification is provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Avocado Inspection Program.

An Avocado exemption permit may be issued to any grower selling at Certified Farmers Markets, by providing a copy of a Certified Producers Certificate from the County Agricultural Commissioners' office in the county that the avocados are grown. **There is no charge for the exemption permit.** Exemption permits will not be issued at any time that a particular variety is deemed questionable in meeting minimum maturity requirements.

**The following is a guideline of expiration dates on Exemption permits:**

<b>HASS</b>	No permits will be issued between November 1 and January 16.
<b>BACON</b>	No permits will be issued between September 30 and December 9.
<b>FUERTE</b>	No permits will be issued between September 30 and December 15.
<b>ZUTANO</b>	No permits will be issued between October 31 and January 4.
<b>PINKERTON</b>	No permits will be issued between October 31 and January 11.
<b>GWEN</b>	No permits will be issued between December 31 and April 3.
<b>LAMB HASS</b>	No permits will be issued between April 1 and July 17.
<b>REED</b>	No permits will be issued from April 1 until final release of all sizes.

**SPRING/SUMMER VARIETIES**---No permits will be issued until the final release of all sizes.

**FALL/WINTER VARIETIES**---No permits will be issued until the final release of all sizes.

During each variety's maturity season, the sizes that have been released must obtain an avocado certification stamp before selling at the Certified Farmers Market. To prevent the sale of immature avocados, a dry matter test will be performed on each lot by size of the sizes that have not been released. Providing the avocados pass, a Certification Stamp shall be placed on every container, each and every time that you wish to take avocados to market.

There is no charge for the Dry Matter test; however there is a charge of \$.25 per hundred pounds for avocados that are certified.

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