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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER DEFENDS AGAINST CRITICISMS OVER PESTICIDE REGULATION



David Sanford, Santa Cruz County's agricultural commissioner, is defending his agency after local activists and the county's civil grand jury criticized how it exercises control over regulating pesticide application and communication with local agencies and residents in South County.

Question 1

What does Santa Cruz County Agriculture Commissioner David Sanford disagree with at the beginning of the article?

Question 2

What did the grand jury recommend that the agriculture commissioner's office do?

Question 3 Who did the county officials argue should be responsible for the notification of pesticides?
Question 4
Who did David Sanford say he communicates with regularly about pesticide use?
Question 5 Who sets the rules and regulations Sanford's office follows?



What did Sanford say about his office's communication with city officials? And what did he say about the local activists and civil grand jury?

Question 7

What is the Spray Days Now notification program? Who will have access to these notifications?



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Question 8

How responsive and communicative do you think Sanford and his office should be and why?

Question 9 Sanford is the main person being interviewed in this article. Do you believe what he has to say on the matter? Why or why not?
Question 10
Do you or anyone in your family have opinions on pesticides and their use? If yes, what are they? If not, what do you think about them after reading this article?