HOW TO FIND A SPECIALIST CERTIFIED IN DEVELOPING NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board requires owners and operators to utilize a specialist that is certified in developing nutrient management plans. Finding the proper specialist to develop your nutrient management plan is a quick and easy process. A certified specialist is a Professional Soil Scientist, Professional Agronomist, or Crop Advisor certified by the American Society of Agronomy, or a Technical Service Provider certified in nutrient management in the State of California by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Follow the instructions below to find a certified specialist in your area. If you do not have access to the internet or would like assistance, you can contact the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program at 1-866-66CDAP.

1) Access this link https://www.certifiedcropadviser.org/find/
2) Select the green button in the middle of the page labeled “find a CCA”
3) Here you have some options. We recommend searching by location. Scroll down the screen to “search by location.” Underneath are a series of boxes to fill in. Start with “city.” Simply type in the closest city or town.
4) Tab down to the next box marked “State/Province” and type your two letter state abbreviation (CA).
5) Tab down twice to “Country.” To select your country, use the drop down menu on the far right side of the box. Select the light blue box with the downward facing arrow. Scroll down and select your desired country (USA).
6) Next, select the box on the far bottom right side of the page marked “search.”
7) A list will be generated of certified professional’s in your area. You can select any of the names listed to get information such as phone/fax numbers, physical address, and areas of expertise.

* When contacting your chosen certified professional, verify their certification by asking to see their license.

Another option would be to search by profession.

1) Follow steps 1 and 2 from above.
2) Scroll down to “Search by Profession.”
3) Here you can search for a specific professional. For example, if you are searching for a certified crop advisor in California, type “CCA-CA” Use “CPSS-CA” for a Certified Professional Soil Scientist. Use “CPAg-CA” for a Certified Professional Agronomist.
4) Tab down to the next box marked “Certification Professional Expertise.” Using the drop down menu (select the light blue box with the downward facing arrow) select “nutrient management (N3)”
5) Select the “search” box on the bottom right side of the screen.

6) A list will be generated of certified professional's within the State of California. You can select any of the names listed to get information such as phone/fax numbers, physical address, and areas of expertise.

* You will find that some of the listed certified professionals are also registered technical service providers.
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If you prefer to use a technical service provider (TSP), follow the steps below to search for a TSP in your area.

1) Access this link http://techreg.usda.gov/
2) On the right side of the screen under "I Want To…" select "Find a TSP"
3) Select your desired state. Note: Depending on where you place the pointer within the state will determine the northern or southern portion of the state.
4) Select your desired county.
5) A list will be generated of certified TSP's in your area.

* When contacting your chosen technical service provider, please verify their certification by asking to see their license.

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