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EMAIL TO: All Sheriffs

FROM: Eddie Caldwell
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SENT: April 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Guidance for Law Enforcement Officers --- from Commissioner of
Agriculture Steve Troxler

The attached memo from Commissioner Steve Troxler, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is provided by the Commissioner to assist law enforcement officers who are enforcing the Governor's Executive Orders regarding who must "stay at home" and who can work.

This memo particularly relates to Dept. of Agriculture employees and essential food and agricultural employees.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Jon Lanier, Assistant General Counsel, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, at jonathan.lanier@ncagr.gov or at (919) 707-3010.

Thanks....Eddie C.



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North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

MEMO

TO: NC LAW ENFORCEMENT
FROM: STEVE TROXLER, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE 
RE: ESSENTIAL AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL
DATE: APRIL 1, 2020

I want to thank you for what you do every day for the citizens of North Carolina and to ask for your help. I have always relied on and appreciated the collaborative relationship that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the agricultural community as a whole has had with the law enforcement community. I know I can count on that relationship as we meet head on our current challenge of serving North Carolina amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help facilitate ease of movement and continuity of agricultural services during the various stay-at-home orders, I have provided two documents to agricultural personnel:

- 1) NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE to personnel of the state's agricultural commodity groups, associations, and businesses.
- 2) ESSENTIAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE WORK PERMIT to employees of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Both of these forms give notice that these individuals are essential personnel that must continue to travel and perform their job duties amid various travel restrictions that may be implemented. This is consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) identification of critical infrastructure, which can be found here: <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>. DHS identifies the production and supply of food and agriculture as one of 16 critical infrastructure areas providing vital service to the nation. The Governor's EO 121 also lists these areas as essential, including landscaping, thus allowing these businesses to stay open.

If an officer has any questions, please contact NCDA&CS at 919-707-3000.