The County of Yuba

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CERTIFIED WEED FREE FORAGE PROGRAM
APPLICATION & COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT # 58-_____

Name:		DBA:
Mailing Address:		Telephone:
City:	Zip:	FAX Number:
Grower (*if different from above)*:		Sites:
Total Acreage:		Proposed Harvest Date:
Estimated Yield (bales):		Commodity:
Eligible Commodities: **Forage, Hay, Straw and Mulch**		Applicable Regulations: **Food & Agriculture Code Sections 403, 5101, 5205 and 5705**

The County Agricultural Commissioner hereby authorizes the business described above (hereafter referred to as "Applicant") to participate in a program for the certification of forage free from noxious weeds. "Weed free" means to be free from propagative plant parts and seeds from plants listed in the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 6, Subchapter 6, Section 4500.

This authorization is made subject to compliance with the following provisions:

1. Applications for certification shall be made to the Agricultural Commissioner no later than 14 days prior to harvest. Applicant shall notify the Agricultural Commissioner of any pesticide reentry restrictions on sites to be inspected.

2. The Agricultural Commissioner will perform certification inspections no more than 5 days prior to harvest. The inspection shall include surrounding ditches, fence rows, rights of way and buffer zones. Inspection procedures will be based on but not limited to the methods outlined in the California Department of Food and Agriculture Pest Exclusion Manual: Weed-Free Forage Inspection Protocol.

3. The Agricultural Commissioner will complete a Certificate of Inspection for the sites and crop cuttings found to be weed free. Each certificate issued will be maintained at the Agricultural Commissioner's office for two years.

4. In order to facilitate the identification of certified forage, the Applicant may use color-coded twine, or wire, to tie certified bales of forage. The Applicant's twine color or pattern will be recorded on the Certificate of Inspection.

5. The Applicant will report to the Agricultural Commissioner a count of the actual number of bales of certified forage harvested from each site. Forage harvested from certified sites shall be removed from the field within 14 days after harvesting and bales shall be stacked and stored at any site where it will not be contaminated with noxious weeds.

6. The Applicant will keep inventory sheets for each cutting from each site and maintain records of each sale and quantity sold from each cutting. The Applicant will maintain these records for 2 years and make them available for inspection upon request by the Agricultural Commissioner.

7. When requested by the buyer, each sale of certified forage shall be accompanied by a copy of the Certificate of Inspection.

8. The Applicant shall reimburse the Agricultural Commissioner for all costs incurred in providing weed free certification services. The Applicant will also provide cost reimbursement to the Agricultural Commissioner should sites fail to achieve certification due to the presence of noxious weeds.

9. The Applicant shall comply with all other requirements the Agricultural Commissioner deems necessary to assure compliance with program requirements.

   Noncompliance with the requirements stated above may result in suspension or revocation of this compliance agreement. Violation of this compliance agreement may also result in fines or civil penalties.

   The Agricultural Commissioner may cancel, suspend, or amend the terms of this compliance agreement at any time.

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Applicant Date

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Agricultural Commissioner by Inspector Date