

2009 RULES & PROCEDURES FOR DELIVERY TO THE DECAS RECEIVING STATION



Decas must be notified 24 hours prior to all deliveries and cancellations of deliveries. Fruit deliveries that arrive without prior notification may experience substantial delays.

1. Before berries are delivered to the receiving station growers must submit their **pesticide application record**. Based on the pre-harvest intervals of the pesticides used each grower will be assigned a “first delivery date”. No berries will be accepted before the grower’s “first delivery date” has passed. Current contact information for the grower should appear on this document.
2. Growers are required to supply Decas with a **current exhibit A or other acreage map**. The map should clearly show all bogs contracted to Decas, the acreage and varieties for each section, and the nearest street address to the location. Current contact information for the grower should appear on this document.
3. Upon entering the Carver property, all drivers must stop at the guard shack. The **driver** must identify **both the grower and the grower’s identification number** to assure the grower gets appropriate credit for berries being delivered.
4. At the guard shack the delivery will be logged in and drivers will be asked to proceed to a specifically marked truck lane. Berries will be examined and a test sample taken if berries are questionable for acceptance.
5. It is the responsibility of the driver to uncover the truck prior to coming to the scale. We have two rolling ladders available to facilitate this process, and we will help as time permits.
6. As soon as an appropriate pool is available, drivers will be asked to proceed to the truck scale for weighing and then on to a specific pool.
7. **All trucks must have a minimum rear clearance of 13 inches**. This clearance is essential to preventing damage to our pool walls and to your truck. Trucks without a minimum 13 inch rear clearance will not be allowed to deliver.
8. Large trucks will be unloaded at one of four water tower stations, and smaller vehicles or dump trucks will be unloaded at one of four smaller stations. Each station will be clearly marked, and Decas employees will be available to assist you. **All trucks must be watertight.**

The rear gate can be mesh. **Trucks that leak excessively will be identified as such and must return empty for inspection before subsequent deliveries. Leaking trucks will be banned from further deliveries until repairs are made and the truck has been re-inspected empty.** *Please be sure to test your truck's ability to hold water before arriving at the Receiving Station.*

If your trucks are used for multiple purposes, please make sure that there are not any rocks, debris or diesel residues left in the truck before loading. Every year our pool pumps are damaged by debris delivered with fruit from gravel trucks. If this continues to be a problem, Decas may require a pre-loading inspection for gravel/dump trucks. We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

9. TRUCKS LATCHES – SIDE OPENING: Several pools at the Receiving Station do not have catwalks that provide safe access to the rear of trucks during unloading. As a result, truck gates that can only be opened from the rear pose a safety hazard to Decas employees and growers. **Trucks without side gate latches will have to wait for pools with catwalks to become open before they can be unloaded. Drivers will be required to open the tailgates on any vehicles that do not have side gate latches.**

10. Samples will be taken from each delivery and will be tested for percent rot, debris, and color with random sampling for pesticide residues.

11. Decas reserves the right to delay the unloading of any load delivered if the load has excessive rot or debris that will result in slowing down deliveries at the expense of other growers. Such a delay could be to the end of the day. Extra costs incurred may be charged to the grower.

12. As in previous years, Decas reserves the right to reject any load delivered if the load has excessive rot or debris and cannot be cleaned to minimum standards acceptable to our customers. The same applies to inadequate color.

13. The Receiving Station will open on Monday, September 21st .

14. Please check the Receiving Station delivery hours that accompany this letter, as the schedule varies somewhat from year to year. We will shut the plant down for an employee lunch break every day from 12:00 noon until 12:30 pm. and an employee break from 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm.