



Calaveras County

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The Calaveras County Department of Agriculture offers a cost-share program to private landowners for smooth distaff and yellow starthistle control.

San Andreas, CA (August 28, 2007) – The Calaveras County Department of Agriculture received \$9,500.00 from California Department of Food and Agriculture to facilitate the control of yellow starthistle and distaff thistle on private Calaveras County land. This funding will be used to rebate up to 25 % of the chemical costs to private Calaveras County landowners who control distaff thistle and yellow starthistle on their property between November 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008. This funding is limited and conditions apply.

Applications for funds administered through this cost-share program will be evaluated using the following priorities:

1. Private land adjacent to the Stanislaus National Forest.
2. Any private property infested with smooth distaff thistle.
3. All private land infested with yellow starthistle in major corridors leading up to the Stanislaus National Forest.
4. All others who control yellow starthistle on private land.

To be eligible to receive funds administered in this cost share program participants must complete an application, and use methods and rates stated on the herbicide label.

The rebate will be offered to individuals who can show proof of control and verifiable expense through a receipt, pesticide use report, an invoice or receipt from a pest control business or pesticide dealer.

The actual amount of the rebate is dependent upon the number of participants and is unknown at this time.

In order to be considered for the rebate, residents must request an APPLICATION from the Calaveras County Department of Agriculture, and submit the completed APPLICATION by 5:00 PM, October 26, 2007. To obtain an APPLICATION or to find out more about this program, please call the Calaveras County Department of Agriculture at (209)754-6504 Extension 3 or visit our website www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/agriculture.asp

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