

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AS CITRUS FRUIT DEALER

Florida Department of Citrus
Attn: Licensing
P O Box 9010 (605 E. Main St., 33830)
Bartow, FL 33831-9010

Sec. 20-108.001

1. _____
(Business name as it should appear on citrus fruit dealer license, including DBA's and website names)

Hereby makes application for license as citrus fruit dealer, pursuant to Section 601.56, Florida Statutes. Applicant expects to begin operation requiring license on _____, 20____ and fully understands license becomes effective on date of issuance and expires on July 31, 20____. Making application does not guarantee issuance of license.

2. Location of business: (attach list if more than one)
Street _____ Mailing Address: _____
P O Box or Street _____
City _____ Zip _____ City _____ Zip+4 _____
Phone Number _____ / _____ Fax Number _____ / _____ Email _____
3. (a) Type of business _____ Contact Person _____

Individual _____
Co-ownership _____ (b) Federal Employer ID Number _____
Partnership/LP _____
Corporation/LLC _____ (c) Cooperative Marketing Association organized under Chapters 618 or 619 Florida Statutes? Yes No
Other: _____

4. Name of owner, co-owners, all officers, directors, and partners; any individuals having a financial interest in the business including all stockholders holding 10% or more corporate stock. **This information should match the Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporate Records.**

Name: First, Middle Initial, Last	Title	%Stock	Home Address	City	State

If any person listed in Item 4 was not licensed during the prior season, complete separate supplemental information pg 4.

5. Total number of boxes of all citrus fruit dealt with by applicant last season
No of Boxes (1 3/5 bu equiv)
Bonded _____
Bond Exempt _____
TOTAL _____

6. Estimate of number of boxes of citrus fruit the applicant intends to deal with this season for which a bond is required.....

7. Estimate of citrus fruit that is bond exempt (see instructions)
(a) Produced on groves owned or leased by applicant.....
(b) Handled for its members by a cooperative marketing association.....
(c) Fresh fruit covered by Inspection Certificate from a registered packinghouse.....
(d) Handled under grove management contracts (attach contract copies).....
(e) Produced on groves owned by partner, officers, stockholders, parent corp., wholly owned subsidiary or its officers or stockholders (attach waivers)....
(f) Equivalent boxes of citrus products covered by Inspection Certificate received from a registered processing plant.....

8. Nature of Business: Check all that apply

_____ Shipper (registered packinghouse)
_____ Processor ____>50,000 gals ____<50,000 gals storage
_____ Broker of inspected fresh fruit or processed products
_____ Fresh Section or Salad
_____ Fresh Squeezed Juice
_____ Fundraiser
_____ Gift Fruit Shipper
_____ Intermediate Handler
_____ Order Taker
_____ Roadside Stand
_____ Sales Agent
_____ Storage ____>50,000 gals ____<50,000 gals
_____ Wholesaler
_____ Other _____

Do not write below this line, office use only.

Bond Required	Check	Investigation	Notifications:
Bond Posted	CFDB	References	
Tax	Bonds	Corp	

9. Provide **ALL** website names, leased or owned by applicant, which are used in any business transactions of applicant.

10. Has any person shown in item 4 been **INVESTIGATED, CHARGED, ARRESTED OR CONVICTED** for any violation of the laws, excluding minor traffic offenses, since last season's license was issued (or if a new applicant, in the last 10 years)? Yes No If "Yes," attach details to application. See instructions for required information.

11. If applicant (or any person listed in Item 4) has ever been licensed as a citrus fruit dealer, please provide:
 (a) Business name(s) licensed under _____
 (b) Year/Season last licensed _____
 (c) Number of years in the citrus business _____

12. (a) If applicant is an individual:
 Is applicant a resident of the state of Florida? Yes No

(b) If applicant is a partnership/LP:
 Are partners residents of the state of Florida? Yes No Please furnish name and mailing address of resident agent, if applicable: _____

(c) If applicant is a corporation?LLC:
 Is corporation/LLC a Florida business organized and existing under the laws of Florida? Yes No
 Date Articles of Incorporation were filed with Secretary of State _____ Document No _____
 Date of filing last Corporate Annual Report with Secretary of State _____
 Name and mailing address of resident agent: _____

13. Have there ever been any lawsuits, judgments, liens, claims, or legal actions (civil, administrative, bankruptcy or criminal) against the applicant or against any of the persons shown in Item 4, either personally or against any business unit with which they are or were connected? Yes No If "Yes," please attach details.

14. (a) I (we) owe growers/dealers Yes No
 If debt owed please provide the information below. (This includes any claims for payment which may be in dispute, past due, not yet due or growers or dealers who have been given notes or any other form of written or oral settlement agreements. This does not include participation agreements.) **If the claim for payment is disputed, please attach an explanation of the circumstances.** Please give complete mailing addresses.

IF YOU DO NOT OWE ANY GROWERS OR DEALERS, PLEASE SO STATE BELOW.

Name of Grower or Dealer	Complete Mailing Address	Date Incurred	Date Due	Amount
			TOTAL	

(b) Have you failed to deliver citrus fruit to a citrus fruit dealer in accordance with the terms of a contract or agreement?
 Yes No If so, furnish details.

15. PRIOR SEASON ADVERTISING EXCISE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION.

Total No.
of Boxes
(1 3/5 Bu. Equiv.)

1. Boxes Assessment Paid: (Number of boxes paid by you directly to the Department of Citrus)		
2. Boxes of certified fruit handled (Boxes handled but assessment was paid by another packinghouse)	Supplier(s):	
3. Gift Fruit Order Takers: Boxes shipped for you with assessments paid by shipper	Gift Fruit Shipper(s):	
4. Boxes delivered to other handlers	Handler(s):	
5. Other boxes handled, but no assessment paid	Reason(s):	
TOTAL BOXES dealt with prior season (total boxes must equal item 5 on page 1)		

Inaccurate or incomplete information will delay approval of your license, as application will be returned for completion or correction. Filing of application does not guarantee issuance of license.

“False official statements.--Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.” Section **837.06, Florida Statutes.**

(Business/Company Name)

Signature of owner, co-owners, partners, or principal officer

Title

If Corporation: affix corporate seal below, if available

"The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may impose a fine not exceeding \$50,000 per violation against any licensed citrus fruit dealer for violation of any provision of this chapter and, in lieu of, or in addition to such fine, may revoke or suspend the license of any such dealer when it has been satisfactorily shown that such dealer, in her or his activities as a citrus fruit dealer, has: Obtained a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment;" Subparagraph 601.67(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

**CFD License Application Supplemental Information Page
REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW APPLICANTS OR NEW OFFICERS**

16. If applicant or any persons listed in item 4 were not licensed during the prior season, please provide the requested information. If person is a minor give name of parent or legal guardian.

NAME			DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE PAST 5 YEARS		
First	Middle Initial	Last	Mo-Day-Year	City	County	State

17. **Business references are required for all new applicants.** By completing this section, applicant is subject to the Department's authority to investigate applicant's reputation pursuant to Chapter 601.57(1), F.S. References should be for all persons shown in Item 16 or separate references may be given for each person. You may provide required references by completing either Item (a) or Item (b) or a combination of both.

(a) List 3 or more business firms, banks or professional persons with whom applicant has had credit or business dealings for more than one year. Indicate if accounts are in the name of:

Business to be licensed Previously owned business Individual

If references are for a previously owned business, provide name and address of the business:

Company	Complete Mailing Address including zip code	Account Number

(b) List 3 or more citrus growers or dealers with whom applicant has had business dealings for more than one year.

Company/Person	Complete Mailing Address including zip code

18. Personal work history for the past 5 years is required for each of the persons listed in Item 16. For self-employment, military service or school attendance, provide appropriate information. Please account for any intervals of unemployment.

Name _____ From _____
Employer, Business or School _____ To _____
Address _____
Type of Business _____ Supervisor's name _____
Job Title _____
Specific Duties _____

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Employer, Business or School _____ To _____
Address _____
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL ITEMS, USING "NO" OR "NONE" WHERE NECESSARY.
THE APPLICATION PROCESS CANNOT BE COMPLETED IF ALL INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED.**

- Item 1. Provide the business name as it should appear on the citrus fruit dealer's license and under which you wish to conduct citrus operations, including dba(s) and websites.
- Item 2.
 - Please provide Zip + 4 for mailing address.
 - Supply applicable phone number, fax number, and email address.
 - The contact person should be the person responsible for preparing the documents.
- Item 3. (a) Mark appropriate choice.
(b) Provide Federal ID number.
(c) Mark yes only if applicant is a cooperative marketing association claiming bond exempt fruit under Item 7(b).
- Item 4.
 - Provide names of all individuals having a financial interest in the business. Include all stockholders holding 10% or more corporate stock. If registered with the Department of State, information should match the information found on www.sunbiz.org
 - If the corporation is a partly or wholly owned subsidiary, provide percentage of stock owned by others and attach list of the officers of both the parent corporation and the subsidiary.
- Item 5. Provide the number of bonded and/or bond exempt 1 3/5 bushel boxes dealt with in the prior season; provide total.
- Item 6. Provide an estimate of the number of bonded boxes applicant intends to deal with for the current season. The table determining bond amount and information for preparation are on the back of the enclosed bond form.
- Item 7. Estimate of citrus fruit that is bond exempt pursuant to section 20-108.0041(1)-(6) (previously 20-1.004):
a) Fruit produced on groves owned or leased in the applicant's BUSINESS NAME.
b) Fruit handled for its members by a Cooperative Marketing Association organized under the provisions of Chapter 618 or 619, F.S.
c) Inspected and certified fresh fruit handled by the applicant which has been purchased from a registered packinghouse not owned by the applicant. This exemption does not apply to packaged gift fruit.
d) Fruit which is under direct contract with the owner or producer of citrus groves for which applicant provides "complete grove management services" as defined by section 20-108.0041(4), F.A.C. Copies of contracts must be submitted each season.
e) Fruit from groves owned by persons listed in Item 4 and not by the business entity (20-108.0041(5), FAC). 'Waiver Forms' must accompany the application and can be obtained under "Forms" on www.fdocgrower.com
f) Fruit handled by the applicant which has been processed by a registered processing plant, other than the applicant. To qualify for bond exemption, the citrus products must have been prepared for commercial marketing and the appropriate certificate of inspection issued.
- Item 8. Nature of Business:
Shipper: Operates a commercial fresh citrus packinghouse for which a Certificate of Registration would be obtained from the Department of Agriculture .
Processor: Operates a commercial processing plant for which a Certificate of Registration would be obtained from the Department of Agriculture. Provide storage capacity information.
Broker: Negotiates the purchase or sale of inspected fresh citrus fruit or processed products for a fee.
Fresh Section or Salad: Prepares fresh cut citrus products for market or shipment.
Fresh Squeezed Juice: Prepares fresh squeezed juice for market or shipment.
Fundraiser: Handler of inspected fresh citrus fruit for fruit which has been prepared and packaged for fund-raising programs of clubs, schools, churches, etc.
Gift Fruit Shipper: Packing and shipping fresh citrus fruit to be used as gifts and not for resale.
Intermediate Handler: Purchases fruit from growers or dealers to sell to fresh packinghouses, processing plants, or other citrus fruit dealers. (Bird dog)
Order Taker: Gift fruit orders taken in applicant's business name to be shipped to final customer by a licensed gift fruit shipper.
Roadside Stand: Immediately adjacent to a regularly traveled highway and primarily engaged in the sale of citrus fruit - 20-44.006, FAC.
Sales Agent: Acts as the marketing agent for member packinghouses.
Storage: Processed citrus juice products stored in drums, bins, totes, or tankfarms. Provide storage capacity information.
Wholesaler: Purchases inspected fresh fruit and/or processed product from licensed facilities and sells to retail outlets or directly to consumer at a Flea Market or other roadside stand facility.
Other: Grove Management, Exporter, etc.

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- Item 9. Provide websites utilized by applicant in business dealings.
- Item 10. Answer yes or no. If yes, attach details to application. Details should include person's name, date charged, charge made, location of Law Enforcement Agency, court, and final disposition. If convicted, give fine, sentence imposed, length of time & location served. If paroled, parole termination date, name & address of parole officer.
- Item 11. ALL applicants must provide the requested information, including those applicants licensed in the prior season. Section 601.56(1), Florida Statutes.
- Item 12: (a): Provide information for applicants being licensed as an individual.
(b): Provide information for applicants being licensed as a partnership or LP.
(c): Provide information for applicants being licensed as a corporation or LLC.
- Item 13: Answer yes or no. If yes, attach details to application.
- Item 14: (a): Answer yes or no. If applicant has outstanding debts to growers or dealers provide information as requested.
(b): Answer yes or no.
- Item 15: Provide requested information. Questions should be directed to Kaye Parkins at 863-537-3979 or Kparkins@citrus.myflorida.com

PLEASE SIGN APPLICATION - THE APPLICATION NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE NOTARIZED.

***NEW APPLICANTS OR NEW OFFICERS** All new applicants or new officers are required to complete Pages 4 and 5.

- Item 16: Provide name, birthdate and residence (city, state) for all new officers listed in Item 4 (or attachment).
- Item 17: References are required for **all** new applicants or businesses under new ownership; however, new officers of a licensed company do not need to provide references.
- Three favorable references with which applicant has had a credit/business relationship of at least one (1) year must be received in order for the application to be approved.
 - Applicant may provide (a) business firms or professional persons or (b) citrus growers or dealers; or both. In this day and age of identity theft and large corporate banks, information will not be provided directly to Department; however, applicant may provide, on bank's business letterhead, a statement from the bank that the account has been opened for at least one year and is in good standing.
 - If applicant has been in business for less than one (1) year, references from a former business may be used.
 - References must be for all individuals listed in item 16 or separate references provided for each.
- Item 18: A personal work history must be provided for each individual listed in Item 16.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS MUST BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGE IN BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Pursuant to Section 601.60(2), Florida Statutes, if, during the effective term of a license, there is any change in the ownership, officers, managership, or stockholders of any co partnership, association, corporation, or business unit to which a license has been issued, the licensee shall immediately notify the Department of Citrus in writing specifying the change in detail. All such changes are subject to review and approval by the Department. Your license may be suspended or revoked if the Department does not approve changes.

REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CITRUS FRUIT DEALER LICENSE

Section 601.55(1), F.S., provides that: "No person shall act as a citrus fruit dealer in this state without first having applied for and obtained the issuance of a current license for each shipping season or portion thereof." Chapter 601, F.S., further provides for a maximum penalty of imprisonment of not more than one year or a fine not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation.

Filing of an application does not guarantee issuance of license.

The \$25.00 fee must be received by the Florida Department of Agriculture, in the form of a check or money order, prior to the citrus fruit dealer license being issued.