

REDUCE YOUR RISK

WEBSITE:

www.doacs.state.fl.us/onestop/mkt/licensebond.html

SEARCH FOR LICENSED DEALERS:

app1.Florida-Agriculture.com/bond/DealerSearch.aspx

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www.Florida-Agriculture.com/marketing/licensing_claims.htm

**Only Do Business
With Licensed
Agricultural Dealers**

Bureau of Agricultural Dealer's Licenses
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Dear Florida Agricultural Producers,

You supply over 280 essential commodities to households throughout North America and to 100 international trading partners. Your farms are some of the most productive in the world. However, you could suffer damaging losses if buyers fail to pay you for the commodities you produce.

The Florida License and Bond Law requires dealers of agricultural products to obtain a license from the Department and post appropriate bonds before they do business in Florida. The law gives you protection against buyers who fail to pay on account, write bad checks, or declare bankruptcy. It gives you confidence that your customers have been pre-qualified and transactions are secured.

Should a licensed dealer fail to pay you, the Department will take the money from the bonds that agricultural dealers are required to post with us and return the unpaid balance to you. The program has reimbursed over \$3.8 million to Florida producers over the last five years.

Even some of your oldest and most trusted customers can fall on hard times, and trusted relationships can end in bitter court battles when finances get tight. If you're an agricultural producer, **REDUCE YOUR RISK**. Make the Agricultural Dealer's License a condition of sale, and ensure that all of your buyers are properly licensed.

Florida Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services



"[This program] gives somebody in the produce business credibility. If I find a customer that is not licensed we question their ability to conduct business."

Gary Wishnatzki, President
Wishnatzki Farms



"...We've been supportive for over 30 years. [It's] one of the best government programs there is. There's no way a grower can lose by participating."

Hugh Gramling, Executive Director
Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers

"The best way to collect is through the Florida Agricultural Bond. You get all the money and the state does all the work."



Alan Shapiro, President
Grandiflora

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