



COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
EMERGENCY ORDER
2025-CHRISTMAS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida believes in faith, family, and Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santa Claus has earned the trust of Florida families without the need for permits or paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Christmas runs smoother when common sense – not bureaucracy – leads the way; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, children in all 67 counties across Florida will fall asleep waiting for Mr. Santa Claus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santa Claus has shown consistent care and stewardship for his nine (9) faithful reindeer, reflecting values shared by Florida’s farmers, ranchers, and land stewards; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is proud to support traditions that bring joy to Florida families.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the powers and authorities conferred by Article IV, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and for the benefit of all good girls and boys across Florida, I hereby declare the following:

1. All state-level permits, permissions, certifications, inspections, and approvals that could otherwise apply to Mr. Santa Claus are hereby deemed unnecessary and waived in full.
2. No state or local government entity shall impose additional conditions, requirements, or restrictions on Mr. Santa Claus during his presence in Florida.
3. Floridians are encouraged to leave *Fresh From Florida* treats out on Christmas Eve to support Mr. Santa Claus and his reindeer.

THIS ORDER first entered on December 18, 2025, as Emergency Order 2025-CHRISTMAS, shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on December 24, 2025, and shall automatically apply each year on December 24 and December 25 thereafter, unless modified or rescinded by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

EXECUTED DECEMBER 24, 2025.

WILTON SIMPSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE
Signed under the advisement of Addy and Emy Monbarren