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To: Agricultural Growers, Producers, Handlers, and Industry

From: Jolene Dessert, Ag Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Damage Reporting & Assistance for Recent Storm Activity

Due to the recent storm activities that traversed our county causing unusual amounts or rain, wind, and inclement weather, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about agricultural damage assessment reporting and disaster assistance resources.

If you have experienced or do experience any potential impacts to your agricultural operation due to the previous or any upcoming rain or storm events, please fill out the Agriculture Damage Assessment form located on our website at: https://agcom.imperialcounty.org/ then select the Resources tab and click on Forms.

Once completed, forms can be returned to the Agricultural Commissioner's office or emailed to: AgCom@co.imperial.ca.us

These forms will be compiled to report impacts and determine eligibility for federal and state support in conjunction with reporting to the local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Directly contact and report damage to the Imperial County Farm Service Agency office as follows:

2407 Marshall Avenue, Suite E Phone: 760-355-2208 Ext. 112

Imperial, Ca 92251 Fax: 844-206-6964

Primary disaster and emergency relief programs are offered by the USDA Farm Service Agency – Disaster Assistance & Emergency Relief Programs.

FSA farm programs help agricultural producers manage market risks, recover from disasters, and conserve and protect America's natural resources. USDA offers a variety of programs to help farmers, ranchers, communities, and businesses that have been hard hit by natural disaster events. FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantines.

More USDA FSA information is located on their website at:

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index