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September 12, 2006

Mr. Michael Antonovich, Chairperson
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Ste 383
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chairperson Antonovich:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the Counties of **Butte, Calaveras, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Bernardino, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama and Tulare** and the contiguous Counties of **Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Contra Costa, Inyo, Lake, Los Angeles, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba** due to agriculture losses caused by a record-setting heat wave that occurred July 1-31, 2006.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry R. Renteria".

HENRY R. RENTERIA
Director

Enclosure

c: Los Angeles County OES
Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
California Department of Food and Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation 16 Primary & 30 Contiguous Counties – Record-Setting Heat Wave

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Butte, Calaveras, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Bernardino, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama and Tulare
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Colusa, Contra Costa, Inyo, Lake, Los Angeles, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba
Event:	Record-setting heat wave, July 1-31, 2006
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000 • Interest rate of 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	May 7, 2007
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm