



March 2, 2017

Jason Hafemeister, Acting Deputy Under Secretary  
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 200A  
Washington, DC 20250

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation Request

Dear Mr. Hafemeister:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is requesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture designate San Joaquin County as a disaster area beginning October 2016 through December 2016.

As a result of numerous intermittent rain periods, preventing the drying and harvesting of windrowed beans in the field, San Joaquin County growers sustained significant losses to approximately 32 percent of the dry bean crop, which is impacting producers, farm-related businesses, and the economy. The County Agricultural Commissioner submitted a *California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report*, which is enclosed for your review, and estimates that current losses exceed \$4.2 million.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at (916) 845-8506, or your staff may contact Ms. Karma Hackney, Individual Assistance Officer, at (916) 845-8141.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
Director

Enclosure

c: San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors  
San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services  
San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner  
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13. Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)		Number		
		3,580		
14. Farms with Production Losses of:		Number		
100%		5		
90 to 99%		1		
80 to 89%		1		
70 to 79%		0		
60 to 69%		0		
50 to 59%		2		
40 to 49%		1		
30 to 39%		2		
20 to 29%		1		
Less than 20%		3		
15. Livestock and Poultry Losses of:		Number Destroyed/Damaged	3-Year Avg. Price (From Annual Crop Report)	
Cattle (Excluding milk cows)				
Milk Cows				
Milk Production				
Sheep				
Hogs				
Poultry				
Aquaculture				
Aplary				
Other				
16. Farms with Physical Losses of:		Number		
Major				
Minor				
17. Farm Facilities Damaged:		Number		Dollar Loss
		Destroyed	Major	Minor
Dwellings & Service Buildings				
Structures				
Machinery & Equipment				
Land Damages (Acres)				
Other				

Remarks: