



August 15, 2018

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Suite 200A  
Washington, DC 20250

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation Request – San Joaquin County

Dear Secretary Perdue:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) requests the U.S. Department of Agriculture designate San Joaquin County as a disaster area due to lack of rainfall October 2017 through May 31, 2018.

As a result of late rains and windy conditions that caused reduced forage growth and underdeveloped grass roots, in combination with already dry stock ponds, San Joaquin County growers sustained significant losses to approximately 47 percent of the rangelands, which impacts 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 current losses exceed \$735,080.

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 Program Manager, at (916) 845-8141.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI  
Director

*Enclosure*

cc: County Board of Supervisors  
County Office of Emergency Services  
County Agricultural Commissioner  
Ken Ogden, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)





13. Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)		Number			
		77500 Farms and Ranches			
14. Farms with Production Losses of:		Number			
100%		77435			
90 to 99%		5			
80 to 89%		5			
70 to 79%		10			
60 to 69%		5			
50 to 59%		10			
40 to 49%		15			
30 to 39%		10			
20 to 29%		5			
Less than 20%		0			
15. Livestock and Poultry Losses of:		Number Destroyed/Damaged	3-Year Avg. Price (From Annual Crop Report)	Dollar Loss	
Cattle (Excluding milk cows)		0			
Milk Cows		0			
Milk Production		0			
Sheep		0			
Hogs		0			
Poultry		0			
Aquaculture		0			
Apiary		0			
Other		0			
16. Farms with <u>Physical</u> Losses of:		Number			
Major		0			
Minor		0			
17. Farm Facilities Damaged:		Number			Dollar Loss
		Destroyed	Major	Minor	
Dwellings & Service Buildings		0			
Structures		0			
Machinery & Equipment		0			
Land Damages (Acres)		0			
Other		0			

Remarks: 120,000 acres rangeland total, 68,000 is on the Westside of San Joaquin County. . East county ranchers reported normal to very good forage. Ranchers Westside of county reported less favorable conditions