



Cal EMA
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

January 12, 2011

Mr. Mike Maggard, Chairperson
Kern County Board of Supervisors
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor
Bakersfield, California 93301

Dear Chairperson Maggard:

A Quarantine was imposed in California on November 1, 2010, by the Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Programs based on damages and losses caused by the Melon Fruit Fly. As a result of this action, the Farm Services Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan program has been made available for eligible family farmers in the county of **Kern** and the contiguous counties of **Inyo, Kings, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura.**

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) is providing the enclosed information regarding this disaster. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karma Hackney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KARMA HACKNEY
Program Manager

Enclosure

c: Kern County OES
Kern County Agricultural Commissioner
County Liaison Director, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Cal EMA Director, Office of Statewide Operations
Cal EMA Regional Administrator
Cal EMA Individual Assistance Section

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
USDA #SQ011 – Melon Fruit Fly Quarantine**

**Assistance
Information**

Eligible Primary County(s):	Kern
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Inyo, Kings, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura
Event:	November 1, 2010, Melon Fruit Fly Quarantine
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:	July 1, 2011
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 should contact the USDA Office of Communications at 202-720-5881 (voice) or 202-720-7808(TDD).
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm