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## **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program:**

Are you a farmer or rancher whose operation has been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.

[Click here for details and application.](#)

## **Drought Relief Available:**

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, has designated Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity Counties in California as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

## **A Message from the Humboldt County Farm Bureau President: Johanna Rodoni**

Greetings members and friends. I hope you enjoy this weekly update from your local Farm Bureau. Yes, I said weekly. In an effort to keep you all up to date on the myriad of news, programs and celebrations we decided to do a weekly newsletter.

It's been a long couple of months with all the unprecedented changes we've had to make in our daily lives to adjust to Covid 19. Fortunately, my cows haven't a clue that anything is different and are all doing their jobs quite well as usual. They are especially enjoying the benefits from the much needed rain we've gotten in the last month.

As you may have heard the 2020 Humboldt County Fair has been cancelled. As a Board

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator. Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

### **Photo Contest at CFBF:**

The 2020 Photo Contest opens June 1 and all information will be available on the CFBF website at <http://www.cfbf.com/photocontest> at that time.

The contest will also be announced in *Ag Alert* and *California Bountiful*, as well as through our social media channels. I am also sending contest information to past participants.

Again, this year, the user-friendly online entry form should make it easy for all members.

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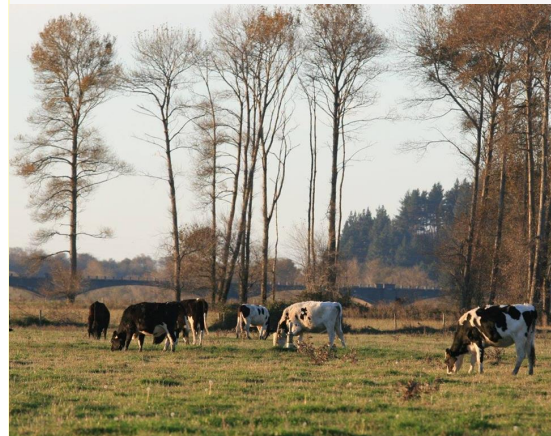
## **CORONAVIRUS FARM & RANCH RESOURCES:**

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member of that organization, I will tell you that was an extremely difficult decision to make. We will however still be having the Junior Livestock Auction in a format yet to be determined. Please let your friends know that the opportunity to purchase the kids animals will be available.

Hope you all are well and adjusting to the new mandatory lifestyle. Farm Bureau has had to make major adjustments to the way we meet as has many organizations. ZOOM meetings and Conference calls are the new norm. Personally, I don't care much for those impersonal formats, but we have no choice. On the positive side of that, my fuel bill is significantly lower!

Hope you enjoy this new feature and please feel free to submit information to include in future weekly updates.



## **USDA Begins Accepting CFAP Applications Today**

Beginning today, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting applications for economic relief payments under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) via USDA's

continues to regularly update their COPVID-19 Resource Page for the agriculture industry and consumers. Find it at:

<https://www.cfbf.com/covid-19-information/>



Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. CFAP will provide \$16 billion in direct economic relief payments to farmers and ranchers suffering the market impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with \$5.1 billion of that relief earmarked for beef producers.

### How to Apply for CFAP

FSA begins taking CFAP applications today. At this time, USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, so ranchers should call their county FSA office to schedule an appointment. You can find contact information for your county FSA office [here](#) (click on the Northern or Southern region and then click on your county to find your county office's contact information).

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