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**Financial Drought Relief Available to
Family Farms and Small Businesses in Colusa County**

(COLUSA, CA) May 4, 2022 – Financial drought relief is now available to farmers and ranchers conducting family-sized farming operations, and small, non-farming businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and most private non-profit organizations conducting business with growers. This relief is a result of the April 8, 2022 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster designation due to drought severity.

“The drought situation in our county and state is dire, and we continue to work with our state and federal representatives and partners on both immediate and long-term solutions,” said Supervisor Merced Corona, Chair of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors. “We encourage eligible residents to take advantage of this relief while we continue to advocate for a more sustainable approach and response to the ongoing drought crisis.”

The USDA is offering emergency farm loans of up to \$500,000 for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the drought disaster. These loans are available to farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations. For details on the USDA Emergency Farm Loans please contact the Colusa County Farm Service Agency at (530) 458-5131 or visit <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index>.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering economic injury disaster loans for small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private non-profit organizations of any size. Small businesses include those that conduct business directly with growers. For details on the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans please call (800) 659-2955 or visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

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