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September 25, 2008

Mr. Thomas Mayfield, Chairperson
 Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
 County Administration Building
 1010 Tenth Street, Ste 6500
 Modesto, California 95354

Dear Chairperson Mayfield:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the county of **Tuolumne** and the contiguous counties of **Alpine, Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, and Stanislaus** due to agriculture losses caused by drought beginning March 2008, and continuing.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY
 Program Manager

Enclosure

c: Stanislaus County OES
 Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner
 California Department of Food and Agriculture
 Deputy Director, Regional Operations
 OES Regional Administrator

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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation
USDA #S2752 - Drought

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Tuolumne
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Alpine, Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Stanislaus
Event:	Drought beginning March 2008, and continuing
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 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	May 15, 2009
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 who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm