

Sonoma County Agricultural Loss Survey for 2015 Crop Year

Dear Local Producers,

The Sonoma County Department of Agriculture is conducting an agricultural loss survey to determine the extent and nature of crop loss due to the drought conditions in Sonoma County during the 2014/2015 rainy season from October 2014 – April 2015. **The results of this survey may lead to additional assistance being made available to Sonoma County producers.**

Please complete and return your survey as soon as possible. If you did not experience any agricultural loss, please indicate “NO LOSS REPORTED”. The survey may be returned to the Department of Agriculture via:

- Email to sonomaag@sonoma-county.org
- Fax to (707) 565-3850, ATTENTION: Michelle Johnson
- Mail to Sonoma County Department of Agriculture, 133 Aviation Boulevard, Suite 110, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
- Dropped off at our office’s reception desk between the hours of 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday
- Placed in the Department’s drop box outside the main office entrance at any time

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Michelle Johnson directly at (707) 565-2970. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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Business Name: _____

Producer Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date Survey Completed: _____ Date Received by Department: _____

List commodities damaged due to drought conditions. <i>Pasture, rangeland, oat hay, volunteer hay, green chop, oat grain, silage corn, oat silage, straw, or other crops (listed separately).</i>	List number of acres under production for each commodity.	How many acres of commodity were affected by drought conditions?	How many acres of commodity were NOT planted due to drought conditions?	What is the estimated yield for each commodity? <i>Pasture and range-land should be listed by % <u>reduction</u> compared to an average year. Crops should be listed by tons/acre.</i>

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Supplemental Questions

We understand drought conditions can have a number of impacts on agricultural production in addition to reduced yield. Please help us characterize and quantify these other impacts.

- **Are you currently hauling in water for your crops or livestock?**

- **Have you had springs and/or wells run dry? If so, please provide details and location(s).**

- **Has any of your land been taken out of production due to the current drought conditions? If so, please list how much land in acres, type of production, and any other related information.**

- **As a result of the drought, have you reduced your herd size? If so, by how many head?**

- **Besides traditional financial assistance through F.S.A. (U.S.D.A.), what type of drought assistance do you think would be most helpful to you and other Sonoma County producers?**

- **Additional comments/information:**