

# COVID-19 UPDATE



## **CDFA ANNOUNCES HOUSING FOR THE HARVEST PROGRAM IN KINGS, TULARE AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced on September 16th that the counties of Kings, Riverside and Tulare will participate in Housing for the Harvest, a program to provide temporary hotel housing and benefits to farm and food processing employees who are unable to work due COVID-19.

The state is securing hotel rooms in participating counties, with local governments identifying administrators to manage the program and local community organizations to provide additional services, like meals, wellness checks and in-language assistance.

### **Kings County**

Kings County has partnered with Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) to administer Housing for the Harvest as part of Kings Cares. In addition to hotel quarantine support such as transportation, meals, wellness checks and laundry service.

Farm employees in Kings County who are in need of these services are urged to visit [www.thehealthyharvest.org](http://www.thehealthyharvest.org) or [www.cosechasana.org](http://www.cosechasana.org) or call 559-710-2000. For agricultural business on-site testing scheduling, please visit [www.thehealthyharvest.org](http://www.thehealthyharvest.org).

Click [here](#) for additional information.

### **Riverside County**

The Riverside County program will include meals, food, transportation, and direct financial assistance for each family participating in the program.

Farm or food processing workers in Riverside County who are in need of these services are urged to contact the TODEC Legal Center at 888-863-3291 or via email at [campo@todec.org](mailto:campo@todec.org). Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Tulare County**

Tulare County's program will be administered by Proteus, Inc. in coordination with the county's Community Care Coalition. The Central Valley Community Foundation has formed a regional Healthy Harvest program and will provide additional funding for support services and outreach. Farm employees in Tulare County who are in need of these services are urged to visit [www.thehealthyharvest.org](http://www.thehealthyharvest.org) or [www.cosechasana.org](http://www.cosechasana.org) or call 559-710-2000. For agricultural business on-site testing scheduling, please visit [www.thehealthyharvest.org](http://www.thehealthyharvest.org). Click [here](#) for more information.

For more information on Housing for the Harvest, please click [here](#).

## **USDA TO HOST CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2.0 PRODUCER WEBINAR**

Join the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency as they introduce a NEW round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2). CFAP 2 provides direct support for producers who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic since April 2020. The webinar will feature information regarding the expanded eligibility for certain commodities, new payment categories including a sales-based approach to specialty crops and other specific commodities, and information on how to apply. Producers can apply for CFAP 2 between September 21, 2020 through December 11, 2020. Producers can find more information at <https://www.farmers.gov>. Webinar information is listed below:

When: Thursday, September 24th

Time: 12:00 PM PST

To register, click [HERE](#).

## **USDA ANNOUNCES CONTRACTS FOR ROUND 3 OF THE FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM**

Following President Donald Trump's approval to include up to an additional \$1 billion in the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved up to \$1 billion in contracts to support American producers and communities in need through the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program. Early last week, USDA reached a milestone of having distributed more than 90 million food boxes in support of American farmers and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

These contract awards are a result of the third round of Farmers to Families Food Box program announced on July 24, 2020, and President Trump's announcement on August 24 that up to an additional \$1 billion was being made available for deliveries through October 31, 2020. A full list of approved suppliers will be posted on the Farmers to Families Food Box Program webpage after 5 p.m. ET, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020. For more information, please click [HERE](#).