



CA Farm Service Agency  
430 G St  
Davis, CA 92056  
530-792-5520

# News Release

Contact:  
Brooke Raffaele, (530) 219-7747  
Brooke.Raffaele@ca.usda.gov

## **USDA California Farm Service Agency Opens Office Space in San Diego County to Assist Farmers and Ranchers Needs**

USDA California Farm Service Agency (FSA) is responding to the high need of Agricultural assistance in San Diego County. Starting June 21<sup>st</sup>, Farm Service Agency Staff will be available at the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in Escondido. Office hours will be from 10:00am to 3:00pm. FSA staff will be present the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to assist San Diego County producers.

Farm Service Agency Staff will be able to discuss with producers individually to assist with their agricultural needs. Farm Service Agency offers wide array of program assistance to farmers and ranchers.

Programs include the Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program which provides financial assistance to producer of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. Other programs such as the Tree Assistance Program provides financial assistance to orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

FSA's Farm Loan Programs offer opportunities to family-sized farmers and ranchers to start, improve, expand, transition, market and strengthen family farming and ranching operations.

"The California Farm Service Agency has an intimate relationship with its producers throughout the state. There is great need and opportunity to serve the agricultural community of San Diego County, which is why we want to build a more local, individual relationship here. A start is to have a consistent, local presence in the county. We look forward to meeting San Diego's many great and diverse producers as they visit us at the Escondido location," said Aubrey Bettencourt, CA FSA State Executive Director.

The Farm Service Agency Office will be at 900 Canterbury Place, Suite 320 in Escondido. Producers can contact the local County Executive Director's office at 760-347-3675 for more information and to make an appointment to visit the local office.