

## VENTURA COUNTY DISASTER ASSISTANCE

### **TO ANY CATTELMEN'S MEMBERS IMPACTED BY THE THOMAS FIRE: EMERGENCY HAY IS AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY FOR PRODUCERS WHO LOST FEED IN THE THOMAS FIRE**

VCCA and VC Animal Services are working to assemble a list of Cattlemen that have lost grazing land due to the Thomas fire. A list of ranchers will be submitted to Ventura County so that we may receive 5 days hay supply to get us through an immediate need. Please contact our UCCooperative Extension Livestock & Range advisor, Matthew Shapero, with your number ASAP. He can be reached at 805-645-1475. Please pass this info to your neighbors.

### **TO ANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY THE THOMAS FIRE: NRCS, FSA, AND UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ARE HERE TO HELP!**

WE ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR RAPID ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING THAT COULD ARRIVE AS SOON AS THE END OF JANUARY.

In an effort to streamline the assistance process for those of you who have been impacted by the Thomas Fire, we will hold 30-minute appointments with individuals in order to fill out NRCS and FSA paperwork so that support can come quickly. There will be a variety of assistance, including help with losses to range forage, livestock, orchard and row crops, and infrastructure. Currently, two days of appointments are available (information below). To schedule an appointment for either of the following two days, please call (805) 645-1434. Please call ASAP, we are expecting to fill up.

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017

Santa Paula Agriculture Museum

926 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

University of California Cooperative Extension

669 County Square Drive Suite #100, Ventura

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Federal relief personnel will be available to assist ranchers with the paperwork, and ranchers are asked to provide the following information:

Business entity information (e.g. individual, limited liability corporation, etc.)

Social Security Number and/or Employer Identification Number

Location/size of the ranch

Extent of damage