

DROUGHT DISASTER SURVEY - SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

We need your help gathering statistics to determine the extent of damage in San Luis Obispo County from continuing drought conditions. To apply to the State Office of Emergency Services for an emergency declaration a threshold of loss of at least 30% (averaged for all rangeland grown in the entire SLO County) needs to be determined. The declaration may provide disaster assistance. (Some federal assistance programs have a 50% threshold of loss). We are also working with Jennifer Anderson and her staff from the Farm Service Agency to gathering information from producers.

The time period we are asking you to report is October 1, 2008 to May 15, 2009.

Please fill-out the survey below and return to SLO County Department of Agriculture by **May 22, 2009**. Incomplete surveys may not be counted! Be specific, our letter on your behalf to the State Office of Emergency Services will be much stronger if we have lots of information to work with! Individual survey information will be kept confidential.

Thank you in advance for your help. Contact Lynda Auchinachie, SLO County Dept. of Agriculture at 805-781-5914 if you have questions about this survey. Contact Jennifer Anderson, USDA Farm Service Agency, at 805-434-0398 for information about possible programs.

DESCRIBE DISASTER: WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN AND WHY?

GRAZING TYPE: Rangeland, Native Grasses, Stubble, etc.	Total Acres Grazed	Number of Cattle Normally Grazed (Past 5 Year Average)	Number of Cattle Grazed October 1, 2008 Thru May 15, 2009	LOCATION of Grazed Property: (address or description: for example north coast, Carrizo Plains, etc).
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DEADLINE TO RETURN SURVEY: May 22, 2009

**RETURN SURVEY TO: Lynda Auchinachie, SLO Co. Dept of Ag
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