

Good afternoon,

With the ongoing conversation about measures that are being taken by county governments in relation to COVID-19, there is concern on how future actions, especially shelter in place orders, would impact farming and ranching operations in the county. Agriculture is not a form of a business that can just come to a stop. If Mendocino County gets to a point where a shelter in place order is considered, then we ask that agriculture businesses (farms, ranches, farmers markets, etc.) and processing facilities be defined as “essential businesses” and be allowed to continue to operate. Social distancing or other measures can continue to be implemented by essential businesses.

Please see the attached comment letter from the Mendocino County Farm Bureau on this topic. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

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