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Subject: RE: Hawaii Disaster Survey Emergency Clearance from the Office of Management and Budget
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Good Morning Gary,

The HDOA respectfully requests a USDA-NASS agricultural disaster survey asap to establish credible loss estimates of crops/livestock, loss of commodity/product sales, damaged equipment, farm structures, other infrastructure, inventory of seeds, fertilizer, etc., and ag sector employment arising from the wildfires in Maui and Hawaii Counties. This survey is critical to support affected farmers/ranchers/producers to file for insurance claims and to recover from the disaster quickly. The survey results will also benefit/support agency planners, decision makers, and lawmakers to plan, pursue grant opportunities, and to provide additional resources for the affected agricultural producers. Many local agriculture associations have expressed a similar sentiment. We deeply appreciate your assistance on this request.

Thank you & Aloha,
Matt

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Thanks,

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Gary:

From the livestock side it's necessary to anticipate what continued assistance will be needed, time to recover and also plan for secondary effects. For example loss of market may affect processing facilities, slaughter etc.

Mahalo,

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Maui County, Hawaii

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Dear Gary,

I missed the boat on this one with the short notice you gave. However, Maui County Dept. of Ag. is still collecting information. Some of it is through the Farmer/Rancher Impact Survey administered by the Hawaii Farmers Union United through Hunter Heavillan. For the first time, I went out to do farm visits yesterday, a month since the fire. My Department would use the information to determine where there is potential to rebuild food production, connect producers to programs or create support programs to assist recovering from market loss and crop/animal loss.

Thank You,

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>>> "Keough, Gary - REE-NASS" <gary.keough@usda.gov> 9/6/2023 2:59 AM >>>

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Gary,,,

I apologize for not making your 9/7 deadline.

I was out in Lahaina with Kali Arce to examine the impacts of the fire and wind on Maui producers. What we have learned will be hard to capture in a survey.

Here is my response regarding the importance of the survey:

The wildfires in Hawaii has far reaching impacts that have been difficult to document because fires were in multiple locations on Maui County and Hawaii County. The fires also created access issues where producers could not get to their facilities to assess their damage. The Lahaina town devastation has also been in the forefront and agriculture impacts have not been a focus..

The survey will allow consistent data to be collected that will help determine program gaps so supports can be found either in federal government, state, county or from the private sector.

Initial discussions with producers note disruptions to farm operations that can have lasting impacts to crops beyond fire or wind damage. Current programs address initial recovery efforts such as direct crop loss and clean up or replacement. Recovery efforts are being hampered by eligibility issues, seed testing, feral animal fencing, etc. Delayed crop recovery and land rehabilitation can lead to secondary impacts to the people of Hawaii such as erosion, loss of top soil, etc.

Mahalo Nui Loa

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Cc: Joshua, Troy - REE-NASS; matthew.k.loke@hawaii.gov
Subject: FW: REQUEST – Provide any federal assistance needs
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:23:51 PM

Gary,

Matthew is ON IT!

Requesting an expedite on this request for a survey. HDOA will cover the cost – and request funding assistance/reimbursement at a later date – we are in the second month of our FY24 (July – June) and know we will likely need to cut services that the \$170K would have covered this FY24. Looping in Troy Joshua as I will be reaching out to him for his thoughts.

Thank you,
Sharon

Sharon Hurd
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Subject: RE: REQUEST – Provide any federal assistance needs

The Planning Chief,

The HDOA respectfully requests funding for a USDA-NASS disaster survey – loss of crops/livestock, loss of commodity/product sales, damaged equipment, farm structures, other infrastructure, seeds, etc. This is vital for affected farmers/ranchers/producers to file claims and to recover from the disaster quickly. Preliminary USDA-NASS estimates the Maui Survey to cost \$100K and a complementary survey for Hawaii County to cost \$50K-\$70K. Therefore, overall cost of \$150K-\$170K. Agriculture associations such as the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaii Cattlemen Association, the Maui Department of Agriculture ,and USDA-FSA are in full support of this request. Please LMK if you have any questions. We deeply appreciate your assistance on this request.

Thank you & Aloha,
Matt
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Subject: REQUEST – Provide any federal assistance needs
Importance: High

Aloha EMOs:

I hope you're well. As we continue the Maui wildfire response, HI-EMA is reaching out to all state agencies to ask if federal resources or assistance have been identified as necessary for you or required for you to complete your tasks and missions. This information should include both the current RFA/RFIs in WebEOC and any anticipated future needs.

This information will be provided to the Office of the Governor on Sunday, August 27, 2023 to support additional planning and decision making. Accordingly, **we request your information by close of business today. Or, if absolutely necessary, no later than 0800 Saturday, August 26, 2023 (tomorrow).** If we do not have your information, it cannot be provided to the Governor's Office. Please connect with the appropriate person within your agency to confirm any current or projected federal asks.

Mahalo,
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