### **Drought Survey Results**

- Survey initiated January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Survey requested production information for pasture, rangeland, oat hay, oat grain, oat silage, straw, green chop, volunteer hay, corn silage or "other".
- 46 respondents by 2/12
- Results tabulated & compiled, and Damage
   Assessment Report with letter to FSA by 2/18 documenting the level of loss.

#### CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT

1. County: Sonoma		Date of Disaster:  January-December 2013 and continuing		Type and Brief Description of Disaster:  Drought			
Oat Silage	10.88 tons/acre	\$25.00/ton	3,580	3,580	n/a	6.75 tons/acre	\$275,561
Oat Hay	2.18 tons/acre	\$130.51/ton	4,775	4,775	n/a	0 tons/acre	\$1,358,544
Pasture	n/a	\$100.00/acre	6,721	6,721	n/a	5.9% of normal	\$632,446
Rangeland	n/a	\$12.00/acre	331,667	275,284	n/a	7.4% of normal	\$3,685,484
Volunteer Hay	2.7 tons/acre	\$49.32/ton	738	738	n/a	0 tons/acre	\$98,275
Ryegrass Silage	12.25 tons/acre	\$34.00/ton	705	705	n/a	4.2 tons/acre	\$190,861

12. County's Total Crop Acres:

80,000 crop 332,000

<del>rangeland</del>

## Summary of Results

- Rangeland-94% loss
- Pasture-93% loss
- Oat hay-100% loss
- Volunteer hay-100% loss
- Oat silage-41% loss
- Ryegrass silage-65% loss
- Total projected financial loss \$6,241,171

# Comments received about what type of assistance would help besides financial assistance through USDA

- Not having to get permits for small animal shelters, particularly on large parcels.
- More streamlined process/less regulation on the building of reservoirs for water storage on ranches and farms.
- Streamlined permitting for barns to store hay. No property taxes on barns used to store hay/feed.
- Better availability of grazing insurance besides NAP.
- Reimbursement for supplemental feed costs. (multiple comments)
- No restrictions by Petaluma for use of water outside city limits.

#### **Comments Continued**

- Per head payment for feed & per acre for lost pasture.
- Funding for water tanks troughs and fencing.
- Alternative local source of potable water. Explore de-salination opportunities.
- Have the government "seed" the clouds.
- Just "make it rain".