



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 24, 2024

To: County Emergency Management Offices and County ESF 17 Coordinators

From: State ESF-17 - Animal and Agricultural Issues

Re: Critical Agricultural Facility Access – Tropical Cyclone Helene

This memorandum is a request to county emergency management offices and their respective ESF-17 coordinators to assist Food and Agriculture sector service vehicles and agricultural workers in obtaining access to critical agricultural facilities in their county.

With clear understanding of the importance of ensuring human safety and controlling access to impacted areas from Tropical Cyclone Helene, ESF-17 - Animal and Agricultural Issues would appreciate deference in allowing access to areas where critical agricultural facilities are located.

Agricultural service vehicles and agricultural workers require access to facilities to ensure animal welfare, the security of hazardous materials, and to supply food to our citizens.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact ESF-17 at the State Emergency Operations Center at (850) 815-4926, or the ESF-17 Emergency Coordinating Officer, LeiAnna Moorhead, at (850) 251-2841.