

Dear Grower,

Apologies for the broad send on this email, but just this morning, CFVGA via United Fresh, of which we are a member, received a USDA request for growers to save and complete [this form](#) with a list of each operation's personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitation needs for the next 30 days. Please also forward this email to any growers who may not be on our distribution list.

You are requested to provide a list of PPE & sanitation products you do not currently have on hand. They have asked that the completed form be returned by 5pm TODAY, Monday, March 30!

Directions for sending the completed form: **email to foodsupplychain@usda.gov with the subject line "(Your organization) PPE/Sanitization Needs" by 5 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2020.**

Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association

The letter from USDA is below.

Reaching out as USDA is working to identify critical PPE and sanitation supply needs in the food supply chain to share with FEMA to better inform their understanding of PPE and sanitation needs across the food supply chain.

USDA does not have access to critical equipment or supplies, and collection of this information does not guarantee that the equipment will be available or provided.

Additionally, sharing information is completely voluntary. USDA will use this information to better advise FEMA where critical needs are most urgently required to ensure worker safety and protect the food supply.

The attached Excel sheet details the information we are working to gather. The more specific you can be on your needs, the better.

If you have specific, urgent resource needs, you should also continue to provide those to FEMA via designated channels detailed below:

Consistent with the principle of locally executed, state managed, and federally supported response, requests for assistance at the local and county levels should first be routed to their respective state. Any needs that cannot be met by the state or tribe should then be sent to the respective FEMA regional office. FEMA regions will direct requests to FEMA's National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C. for fulfillment.

If you have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please email [FEMA's National Business Emergency Operations Center](#).

[If you choose to provide this information using the attached spreadsheet, please send by email to foodsupplychain@usda.gov with the subject line "\(Your organization\) PPE/Sanitization Needs" by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, March 30, 2020.](#)