



# Florida State Agricultural Response Team

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[Participant Name]  
[Participant Address]

[Date]

Dear [Participant Name]:

Living in Florida, we are subject to many potential disasters, both natural and man-made. Events of recent years indicate that both natural disasters and man-made disasters are real threats to Florida animals and agriculture. The emergency support function for animals and agriculture under the Florida comprehensive emergency management plan is currently ESF-17.

In order to better serve the animal and agriculture industries of Florida, the State Agricultural Response Team (SART) was created. SART is a cooperative effort between multiple federal, state and local government agencies and private organizations including the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the United States Department of Agriculture and the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service, among others. The mission is to empower Floridians through training and resources to enhance animal and agriculture disaster response.

Any disaster is a local disaster first. The county SART is the key resource to support the county's ESF-17 coordinator and emergency manager. SART members may be called upon to assist with various tasks associated with animal and agriculture disaster response and recovery operations related to animal and agriculture needs.

A county SART is in the beginning stages of formation in your community. As part of its formation, an organizational meeting is being held for all individuals interested in finding out more about SART. The meeting will be held on [date] from [start time] until [end time] at [location]. Refreshments will be served [before/after] the meeting.

We ask that you RSVP to [name of person collecting RSVPs] by [date]. Please contact [him/her] at [phone number and/or email].

We look forward your participation at this important event.

Kindest regards,



[Names of Action Committee Members and, as applicable, Agency Affiliations]