

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Nicole "Nikki" Fried

MEMORANDUM

To: County Emergency Management Offices and County ESF 17 Coordinators

From: State ESF 17 - Animal and Agricultural Issues

Date: September 28, 2022

Re: Critical Agricultural Facility Access

This memorandum is a request to county emergency management offices and their respective ESF 17 coordinators to assist agricultural 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 Hurricane Ian ESF17 - 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 Operation Center at (850) 815-4926, or the ESF 17 emergency coordinating officer, LeiAnna Tucker at (850) 251-2841.

Sincerely,

Michael A Short

Dr. Michael Short State Veterinarian/Division Director