



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

October 31, 2007

(Name) (insert mail merge names from file)

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Dear (insert contact person's name):

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is administering a grant for catfish producers who suffered a loss due to a natural disaster. As a California catfish producer, you may be eligible to receive up to \$80,000 funding under this grant. In order to assist you in determining your eligibility, we have included the following documents in this package:

1. Program Overview and Criteria for the 2007 Catfish Feed Compensation Program.
2. The CDFA Catfish Feed Compensation Program application and instructions.
3. The list of eligible counties (a county or contiguous county), having a natural disaster designated by the President, or declared by the Secretary from January 2, 2005, through February 27, 2007 based on your production areas specified in the State of California, Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game- 2007 Registered Aquaculturists list. A full list of eligible counties in California can be viewed at the following URL: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

If you determine that you qualify for the 2007 Catfish Feed Compensation Program, your completed application must be **RECEIVED** by CDFA no later than **November 15, 2007**. If you have questions regarding this program please contact Kelsey Olson at (916) 445-0444 or via email at kolson@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Liz Houser, Special Assistant

Inspection Services

California Department of Food and Agriculture

