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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USDA Announces a Second Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

- The USDA recently [announced](#) an additional \$14 billion in COVID-19 related relief for agricultural producers under a new Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2). Details can be found in the unpublished [Federal Register Notice](#).
- Sign up for CFAP 2 will begin on September 21, 2020 and extend through December 11, 2020.
- CFAP 1 accepted applications from May 26, 2020 through September 11, 2020 for most producers and October 9, 2020 for producers in certain locations impacted by natural disasters (*BCI Monitor 4-21-20*).
- Most [specialty crops](#), including cherries, are eligible for funding as sales commodities.
- Sales commodities payments will be equal to the amount of the producer's eligible sales in calendar year 2019 multiplied by a percentage payment factor ranging from 8.8 to 10.6 percent dependent on sales range determined by a declining block format.

FDA Releases New Rule to Advance Traceability of Foods

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced](#) a [new rule, Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods](#) which implements section 204 of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) to harmonize and standardize record-keeping for food traceability. FDA also released a draft [Food Traceability List \(FTL\)](#) of high-risk foods to which the rule will apply.
- The requirements would be mandatory for persons that manufacture, process, pack, or hold foods on the FTL and voluntary compliance is encouraged for all FDA-regulated food products. While cherries are not listed, all fresh-cut fruits and vegetables are subject to the new requirements.
- Comments will be open for 120 days after publication in the Federal Register, scheduled for September 23, 2020.

**A REPORT FOR
THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Korea Adds Five Species to Quarantine Pest List

- Korea [notified the WTO](#) that the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) has amended the quarantine pest list to include:
 - *Ascochyta fabae*
 - *Cacao swollen shoot virus*
 - *Capsicum chlorosis virus*
 - *Strawberry crinkle virus*
 - *Oenanthe pimpinelloides*
- Comments are due by November 14, 2020.