



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

MEMORANDUM

To: ESF16 - Law Enforcement

From: ESF17 - Animal and Agricultural Issues

Date: August 29, 2023

Re: Critical Agricultural Facility Access – Tropical Cyclone Idalia 2023

This memorandum is a request to ESF16 - Law Enforcement to assist agricultural service vehicles and agricultural workers in obtaining access to critical agricultural facilities.

With clear understanding of the importance of ensuring human safety and controlling access to impacted areas from tropical cyclone Idalia, 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.

Additionally, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) requests your consideration in granting appropriate support to critical infrastructure sectors impacted by Tropical Storm Idalia, as enclosed with this memorandum.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact ESF17 at the State Emergency Operation Center at (850) 815-4926, or the ESF17 Emergency Coordinating Officer, LeiAnna Tucker, at (850) 251-2841.