



COVID-19 Updates:

The Marin RCD office will be closed until further notice due to the Marin County COVID-19 [shelter-in-place order](#). During this time all staff will be working from home. You may continue to reach out to us by email. You may also reach staff by leaving voice messages. Messages will automatically be forwarded as they are received. Thank you for your understanding. We hope our community remains healthy and strong during this pandemic.

FOR PRODUCERS:

The two federal assistance programs aimed at helping small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic have been *renewed and expanded to provide funding for farms*. If your operation has suffered a loss or is struggling to meet payroll costs, consider applying for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Both programs include money that is partly or completely free to you, but funding is not expected to last, so it's important to make your applications soon. Full details on these programs, including application links, are in UC Cooperative Extension's [COVID-19 FAQ for Farmers](#) under "Financial Assistance". There, you'll also find links to local and state aid programs accessible to farms.

FOR CONSUMERS:

It is clear now, more than ever, the need for a strong local food system and nutrient rich food to keep our families safe and healthy. By buying your food from local farms, you keep money in our local economy while supporting those managing soil and water in our shared watersheds. Consider ordering from local farms online, signing up for a CSA, purchasing your food from a farmstand or farmers' market, or ordering take out/delivery from local restaurants. For more info, we have created a regularly-updated list: [Marin County Food Resources During the Shelter-in-Place Order](#) (click to go to page). Please send additional Marin County food resources to michelle@marinrcd.org, so we can add them to the working list.