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Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: FW: Hoop Structures

Good Morning Allen,

Please excuse the previous email where I called you Michael...multi-tasking just doesn't always work!

My apologies!

Teri Bontrager

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Subject: Hoop Structures

Good Morning Michael ~

Thank you so much for making sure the attached letter referencing Hoop Structures gets to the Supervisors.

My Best,

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June 1, 2017

Via First class Mail & Email

Joan Hartmann, Chairman of the Board
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, Ca.93101

Dear Chair Hartmann and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau and it's over 500 farmer and rancher members in Santa Barbara County we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to pursue a policy direction that addresses hoops as farm equipment, rather than a structure.

The use of hoops as a production tool has become critical to our county's continued agricultural vitality and have allowed significant agricultural diversification which provides greater social and economic stability for the agricultural community and its dependents.

Hoops are another practice that can be used to manage pests and diseases as a part of an integrated pest management program which may result in fewer chemical applications than might otherwise be required to produce a marketable product, and enable growers to optimize water resources through microclimate management.

Hoops have become an important tool for agriculture in Santa Barbara County because they extend the traditional growing season of many of our county's delicate, high value, healthy food crops and can better match the timing of crop production to market opportunities.

The extended growing season and increased reliability provided by hoops allow Santa Barbara County growers to remain viable in an increasingly competitive global marketplace. Hoops are an important tool to maintain and enhance the County's economic competitiveness, job growth, and economic opportunities now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration and support of our request.

Sincerely,

Russell Doty
President
Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau