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California Pistachio Tree Disease Help

Audio with California FSA executive director Aubrey Bettencourt

California pistachio growers can now receive help from the USDA to offset losses from a destructive tree disease. Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome is a fairly new bacterial infection that leads to removing the tree. And now Pistachio Bushy Top Syndrome is recognized by the government under the Tree Assistance Program or TAP for short.

Aubrey Bettencourt is the California Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency...tape

Cut #1 1:04 OC:... "under TAP."

That's Aubrey Bettencourt, California Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency. Producers have between October 15th and December 15th to apply for the program.

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The logo for the American Angus Association, featuring the word "ANGUS" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

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Audio with Greg Ibach, USDA Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Affairs

On September 25, USDA Undersecretary, Greg Ibach (I-bah), announced a framework for national animal disease traceability at the 2018 Strategy Forum on Livestock Traceability hosted by the National Institute for Animal Agriculture...tape

Cut #1 :37 OC:... "protect itself."

Ibach says the USDA is wanting to collaborate with producers at all levels in the industry...tape

Cut #2 1:14 OC:...“in the future.”

Having a national traceability program means having a lot of data from thousands of individuals. Ibach acknowledges some producers might be hesitant to adopt a traceability program because of the amount of data needed...tape

Cut #3 :54 OC....“or diseased animals.”

Visit, aphis.usda.gov for more information on the framework.