

CAFF Disputes Proposed Leafy Greens Order

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DAVIS, Calif. — Community Alliance with Family Farmers, a small-farm advocacy group based here, has said it opposes the proposed federal marketing agreement for leafy greens, a national food safety program modeled after the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement. Although many growers have publicly expressed support for the plan, CAFF argues that if the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the agreement mandatory — by imposing a marketing order — small farms and local growers could be bankrupted by expensive mandates that are really designed for large, national operations.

“We don’t think the federal marketing agreement is a good model for food safety,” Kira Pascoe, CAFF’s family farm food safety coordinator, said.