

Supplemental Declaration of Tony and Patricia Jimenez

We, Tony and Patricia Jimenez, hereby state and declare the following:

1. My name is Tony Jimenez and my address is 3671 Old Toll Road, Cathey's Valley, CA 95306. My date of birth is January 12, 1933, and I am over the age of 18, Hispanic and a United States citizen. Patricia is my wife.
2. My name is Patricia Jimenez and I reside with my husband, Tony Jimenez, in Cathey's Valley, CA. My date of birth is January 22, 1939, and I am over the age of 18, and a United States citizen.
3. We both have over sixty (60) years of farming experience. I, Tony Jimenez, have lived on a dairy and cattle ranch since I was nine (9) years old, and I have life-long experience operating dairy and beef cattle ranches. I, Patricia Jimenez, was raised on a farm and worked with my parents in all phases of the farm's operations.
4. In February 2003 we submitted a discrimination complaint to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") after the Farm Service Agency ("FSA") failed to implement a National Appeals Division ("NAD") decision which required the FSA to recalculate the interest, significantly reducing the total amount of our FSA debt.
5. On February 13, 2003 we received a response letter from the FSA Headquarters in Washington, DC, which confirmed that the USDA had received our discrimination complaint and that it had been forwarded to the Office of Civil Rights ("OCR"). We were assured that the OCR would be contacting us shortly to properly address this matter.
6. We never received a word from the USDA's OCR concerning our discrimination complaint. Based on our personal experience, the USDA's OCR continues to be as dysfunctional as it was in the 1980's and 1990's.

We have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of six (6) numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct to the best of our personal knowledge.

Tony Jimenez      10/06/06

Tony Jimenez Date

Patricia Jimenez      10/06/06

Patricia Jimenez Date