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Subject:	Priority Notification 20-MER-17 (Possible pesticide exposure to 880 beehives; Estimated $26,400 loss)
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On Friday, March 17, 2017 at 16:50, a Report of Loss, Nonperformance or Damage from Mr. Bob Brandi was sent to Merced County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) office. Mr. Brandi reported dead bees and dead brood from 880 hives that he had out in almonds for pollination. Merced CAC staff collected dead bee and swab samples of the hives on Monday, March 20, 2017. Interviews of the beekeeper, almond grower, and surrounding property operators are currently under way , along with a 1-mile PUR (Pesticide Use Report) search; this investigation is currently ongoing.

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