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## **DROUGHT RELIEF**

### **- For Immediate Release-**

The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry commends the Government of Belize on measures taken to mitigate the impact of the drought for our farmers and by extension the public at large.

The drought conditions have exacerbated the challenges that the agriculture sector was already faced with, including but not limited to affordable access to finance and the availability of crop insurance. The sector is a significant contributor to the economy of Belize, and in the second quarter of 2019 most of the major industries recorded decreases in production (SIB). Most of the decreases in production can be attributed to the drought and therefore such measures can assist farmers to expedite their recovery.

The BCCI urges all farmers make use of the assistance and to have this experience propel discussions for protocols to prepare in advance for future occurrences.

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