## **Press Release**

For Immediate Release

June 26, 2015

To: Media & Other Interested Parties

Contact: Maria Giedra or Nelson Bautista 509-453-3157

The Center for Latino Farmers will be hosting a press conference to introduce Maria Ines Catalan a Latina vegetable producer from Hollister, CA who sells produce to big farmers markets in the Bay Area. She will be sharing information about how the drought in California is having a devastating effect on small socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers in the region where she farms. She will also share what she has seen in Yakima for Latino producers and the impact on the declaration of drought in WA State.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

**Date:** June 30, 2015

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 a.m.

Place: 22 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Yakima

She will also be sharing her experiences of how her life was changed by taking the lead in organizing small vegetables producers.

For more information please call Center for Latino Farmers 509-453-3157



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