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**TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS (TAAF)
PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR A GROUP OF PRODUCERS**

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1. Name of Authorized Representative or Primary Contact

Bonnie Holloman

2. Name and Business Address (Including City, State, and Zip Code)

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919-877-0940

5. E-Mail Address

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6. This petition is made on behalf of the following producers: (Enter at least 3 names if filed by an individual. Organizations do not need to enter producer name.)

A. Name of Producers	B. Mailing Address	C. Telephone No. (Including Area Code)	D. E-Mail Address

7. COMMODITY INFORMATION:

A. Description of the raw (excludes processed) agricultural commodity:
(e.g., fresh raspberries)

Cut Lillies

B. Competing Imported Commodity's Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Number (HTS can be found at: <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>)

0603.19.0030

C. This petition is for the most recent marketing year for the commodity beginning in January 2009 and ending December 2009
(month/year) (month/year)

D. Check the production area of the commodity for which this petition is submitted (state, states, or national):

National State (Identify State or States(list): NC, SC, GA, VA)

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8. Provide one of the following for the most recent marketing year and for each of the 3 preceding marketing years: the average annual price, production quantity, value of production, or cash receipts.

Note: Use Official data if available. The Department's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) has national price data available for many raw agricultural commodities. The information can be found at: www.usda.gov/nass. You must state the source of your data. If you do not use official data, you must provide contact information for verification purposes and supporting documentation to show how your data was calculated or obtained.

(Check and complete only one)	(1) 2009	(2) 2008	(3) 2007	(4) 2006
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Average Annual Price	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Production Quantity				
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Value of Production	\$	\$		
D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash Receipts	\$ \$50,705.07	\$ \$84,339.51	\$73,114.90	\$65,800.00

9. Source of data entered in Items 8A-8D: NC Grower Data: D. Huffman 828-310-8466, B. Wilfong 828-294-2726

10. **Basis for request for adjustment assistance.** Explain (or attach documentation) how imports have affected your commodity during the most recent marketing year based on at least one of the following measures: price, quantity of production, value of production, or cash receipts. Include any other factors that may also have contributed to lower producer prices below: The value gross receipts values from 2006 to 2009 are combined sales from two North Carolina greenhouses: Carmen's (David Huffman) and Wilfong's (Billy Wilfong). These values represent what occurred to the North Carolina market over the four-year period. The Floriculture Crops 2008 Summary, April 2009, page 48 also reflect a decrease in Value of All Sales at Wholesale also reflects a decrease in North Carolina from \$1,132,000 in 2007 to \$924,000 in \$2008.

The need for quality grown local cut Asiatic lilies had been on the increase over the last decade. The values illustrate how the increase in the number of cheaper imports has ruined what was once a very healthy market. The bottom fell out of the market in 2009. Oversupply of bulbs by the Dutch growers lead them to dump the extra bulbs on the market. Cut lily producers in Costa Rico then exported the lilies to the U.S. Cut stem importers were charging close to what local U.S. growers were having to pay for just the bulbs in themselves. Cut lilies are a 12-week crop and the bulbs are purchased months in advanced. There was no ability for the U.S. growers to adjust production to avoid losses due to these cheap imports. This has driven at least one grower out of the market and has caused numerous others to rethink their production schedules. Had the cheaper import lilies not cut into profits so drastically, more growers would have been able to enter into growing an exciting crop to produce.

11A. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRIMARY CONTACT

Bonnie Holloman

12A. SIGNATURE OF FAS REPRESENTATIVE

11B. TITLE

Executive Director

12B. TITLE

11C. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)

4/14/10

12C. DATE PETITION FILED (MM-DD-YYYY)