



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable J.B. Pritzker
Governor
State of Illinois
207 Statehouse
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

On September 29, 2021, the acting Illinois State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for 12 Illinois counties due to losses caused by excessive moisture and flash flooding that occurred from June 1, 2021, and continuing.

USDA reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating all 12 counties as primary natural disaster areas. In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your state and adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Vilsack" clearly legible.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Illinois and Contiguous States

Primary Counties:

Illinois	(12)		
Calhoun	Jersey	Morgan	
Cass	McLean	Moultrie	
Edgar	Macoupin	St. Clair	
Jefferson	Monroe	Sangamon	

Contiguous Counties:

Illinois	(32)		
Brown	Ford	Marion	Schuyler
Champaign	Franklin	Mason	Scott
Christian	Greene	Menard	Shelby
Clark	Hamilton	Montgomery	Tazewell
Clinton	Livingston	Perry	Vermilion
Coles	Logan	Piatt	Washington
DeWitt	Macon	Pike	Wayne
Douglas	Madison	Randolph	Woodford

In addition, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster areas. Those states, counties, and numbers are:

Contiguous Areas in Adjacent States:

Indiana	(2)		
Vermillion	Vigo		
Missouri	(7)		
Jefferson	Pike	Ste. Genevieve	St. Louis City
Lincoln	St. Charles	St. Louis	