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Reply to: FLP: raz

Honorable Jerry Costello  
U. S. Representative, District 12  
144 Lincoln Place Court, Suite 4  
Belleville, Illinois 62221

Dear Congressman Costello:

Effective **August 30, 2010**, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, declared counties in **Illinois** as natural disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain, flooding and flash flooding which occurred **April 1, 2010 and continuing**. The counties affected by this declaration are:

**Illinois Primary Counties (55)**

Adams	Cumberland	Iroquois	Madison	Sangamon
Bond	Edwards	Jasper	Marion	Schuyler
Brown	Effingham	Jefferson	Mason	Scott
Calhoun	Fayette	Jersey	McDonough	Stark
Carroll	Fulton	Jo Daviess	Menard	Stephenson
Cass	Greene	Kankakee	Mercer	Vermilion
Christian	Grundy	Knox	Montgomery	Warren
Clark	Hamilton	Livingston	Morgan	Wayne
Clinton	Hancock	Logan	Pike	White
Cook	Henderson	Macon	Randolph	Will
Crawford	Henry	Macoupin	Rock Island	Winnebago

**Illinois Contiguous Counties (37)**

Boone	Du Page	La Salle	Moultrie	Shelby
Bureau	Edgar	Lake	Ogle	St. Clair
Champaign	Ford	Lawrence	Peoria	Tazewell
Clay	Franklin	Marshall	Perry	Wabash
Coles	Gallatin	McHenry	Piatt	Washington
De Kalb	Jackson	McLean	Richland	Whiteside
De Witt	Kane	Monroe	Saline	Woodford
Douglas	Kendall			

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance payments program, which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation and Emergency Act of 2008. FSA will consider each application on its own merit by taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Emergency loan applications will be received through **May 2, 2011**. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **S3026**.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is **April 1, 2010**.

Sincerely,

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Illinois State FSA Office