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Reply to: FLP: raz

Honorable Jerry Costello
U. S. Representative, District 12
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Dear Congressman Costello:

Effective November 12, 2010, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, declared counties in Missouri natural disaster areas due to losses caused by drought occurring May 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Illinois counties affected by this declaration are:

Illinois Contiguous Counties (2)

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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 July 12, 2011. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is S3054.

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

Sincerely,


Scherrie V. Giamanco
State Executive Director
Illinois State FSA Office