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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 September 15, 2011, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, declared counties in Missouri natural disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding. Illinois counties affected by this declaration are:

**Illinois Contiguous Counties (5)**

Adams                      Hancock                      Madison                      Monroe                      St. Clair

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 15, 2012**. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **S3164**.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is **May 15, 2011**.

Sincerely,

Scherrie V. Giamanco  
State Executive Director  
Illinois State FSA Office