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Agriculture**

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September 22, 2011  
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 21, 2011, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, declared counties in Illinois natural disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain, flooding and flash flooding during the period April 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011. Illinois counties affected by this declaration are:

**Illinois Primary Counties (46)**

Alexander	Greene	Madison	Saline
Brown	Hamilton	Marion	Schuyler
Calhoun	Hardin	McDonough	Scott
Carroll	Henry	Mercer	St. Clair
Cass	Jackson	Monroe	Stephenson
Clay	Jefferson	Perry	Union
Crawford	Jersey	Pope	Wabash
Edwards	Jo Daviess	Pulaski	Washington
Effingham	Johnson	Randolph	Wayne
Fayette	Knox	Richland	White
Franklin	Lawrence	Rock Island	Williamson
Gallatin	Lee		

**Illinois Contiguous Counties (27)**

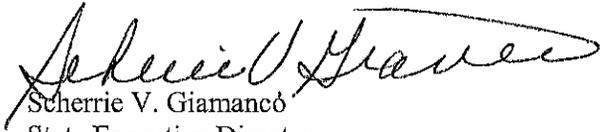
Adams	Fulton	Massac	Sangamon
Bond	Hancock	Menard	Shelby
Bureau	Henderson	Montgomery	Stark
Clark	Jasper	Morgan	Warren
Clinton	La Salle	Ogle	Whiteside
Cumberland	Macoupin	Peoria	Winnebago
De Kalb	Mason	Pike	

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 21, 2012**. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **S3171**.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is **April 1, 2011**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scherrie V. Giamancò". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Scherrie V. Giamancò  
State Executive Director  
Illinois State FSA Office