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Reply to: FLP: rz

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

Dear Congressman Costello:

Effective October 31, 2011, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, declared counties in Illinois natural disaster areas due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat which began July 1, 2011 and continues. Counties affected by this declaration are as follows:

Illinois Primary Counties (44)

Adams	Douglas	Hamilton	Lawrence	Richland
Brown	Edgar	Hancock	Macon	Rock Island
Champaign	Edwards	Hardin	Marion	Saline
Christian	Effingham	Henry	Massac	Shelby
Clark	Fayette	Iroquois	McDonough	Vermilion
Clay	Ford	Jasper	McLean	Wabash
Clinton	Franklin	Jefferson	Morgan	Wayne
Crawford	Fulton	Johnson	Piatt	Williamson
Cumberland	Gallatin	Knox	Pope	

Illinois Contiguous Counties (33)

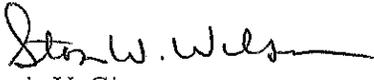
Bond	Jackson	Mercer	Sangamon	Union
Bureau	Kankakee	Montgomery	Schuyler	Warren
Cass	Livingston	Moultrie	Scott	Washington
Coles	Logan	Peoria	St. Clair	White
De Witt	Macoupin	Perry	Stark	Whiteside
Greene	Madison	Pike	Tazewell	Woodford
Henderson	Mason	Pulaski		

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 2, 2012**. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **S3191**.

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

Sincerely,

for 

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State Executive Director
Illinois State FSA Office