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In reply refer to: FLP:rz

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

Dear Congressman Costello:

On March 6, 2012, President Obama declared counties in Kentucky Major disaster areas due to severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding which occurred February 29, 2012 to March 3, 2012. Effective March 20, 2012, Amendment 5 extends the determination which affects Illinois contiguous counties below:

**Illinois Contiguous Counties (2)**

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Emergency loan applications will be received through November 20, 2012 for physical and production losses. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **M4057, Amendment 5**.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is February 29, 2012.

Sincerely,

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Illinois State FSA Office