



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor
State of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Daniels:

Thank you for your letters of June 9 and July 1, 2008, requesting a disaster designation for 57 Indiana counties due to losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, torrential rainfall, flooding, and flash flooding that occurred from May 30, 2008, and continuing.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports, along with the additional information submitted by the State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Based on this review, USDA has determined that there were sufficient production losses in 56 Indiana counties to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating 56 Indiana counties as primary natural disaster areas. Those counties are:

Adams	Decatur	Henry	Marion	Parke	Tippecanoe
Bartholomew	Dubois	Huntington	Martin	Pike	Union
Benton	Elkhart	Jackson	Miami	Posey	Vermillion
Boone	Fountain	Jefferson	Monroe	Putnam	Vigo
Brown	Franklin	Jennings	Montgomery	Randolph	Wabash
Carroll	Fulton	Johnson	Morgan	Ripley	Warrick
Clark	Gibson	Knox	Newton	Rush	Washington
Clay	Greene	Lawrence	Ohio	Shelby	Wayne
Daviess	Hamilton	Madison	Owen	Sullivan	White
Dearborn	Hancock				

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following additional areas of your State are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Allen	Floyd	Jasper	Marshall	Scott	Tipton
Cass	Grant	Jay	Noble	Spencer	Vanderburgh
Clinton	Harrison	Kosciusko	Orange	St. Joseph	Warren
Crawford	Hendricks	Lagrange	Perry	Starke	Wells
Delaware	Howard	Lake	Pulaski	Switzerland	Whitley
Fayette					

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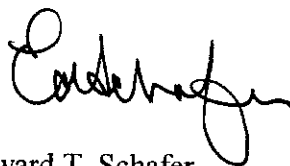
There were no qualifying losses in Lagrange County due to the disaster. Therefore I am unable to approve your request to designate Lagrange County, Indiana as a primary natural disaster area.

However, Lagrange County will be eligible for FSA emergency loan assistance since it is named as a contiguous county for this disaster as indicated above.

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each application on its own merit by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Schafer', written in a cursive style.

Edward T. Schafer
Secretary