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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 March 9, 2012, Bruce Nelson, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, made FSA emergency physical loss loans available in counties in Missouri due to severe storms with high winds and tornadoes that occurred on February 29, 2012. Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent States that are contiguous to one or more primary counties in Missouri will be named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA emergency physical loss loan assistance. Illinois counties affected by this designation are:

Illinois Contiguous Counties (2)

Alexander Union

Emergency loans may be made available to any applicant with a qualifying physical loss in the counties named. This approval is limited to applicants who suffered SEVERE PHYSICAL LOSSES ONLY, in accordance with the provisions of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Instruction 1945-A, Section 1945.20(c).

This notification is coded N1088. Emergency loan applications will be received until the first business day that occurs eight months after the above date. Use the beginning date of the disaster to determine loan security values for these loan applications.

Sincerely,

Scherrie V. Giamanco
State Executive Director
Illinois State FSA Office