



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Eric Holcomb
Governor
State of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Holcomb:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2019, requesting a primary county disaster designation for several counties in Indiana, due to damage and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from March 1, 2019, and continuing.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating 74 counties as primary natural disaster areas. In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your state and adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster. At this time, USDA is unable to make a complete and accurate determination of production losses for Benton, Clinton, Floyd, Fountain, Hamilton, Harrison, Jefferson, Lake, Parke, Perry, Porter, Rush, Shelby, Spencer, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Vermillion and Warren Counties in Indiana; therefore, a decision to designate those counties as primary disaster areas will be deferred.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Perdue". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

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Primary Counties:

Indiana	(74)		
Adams	Franklin	Lawrence	Randolph
Allen	Fulton	Madison	Ripley
Bartholomew	Gibson	Marion	St. Joseph
Blackford	Grant	Marshall	Scott
Boone	Greene	Martin	Starke
Brown	Hancock	Miami	Steuben
Carroll	Hendricks	Monroe	Sullivan
Cass	Henry	Montgomery	Switzerland
Clark	Howard	Morgan	Tippecanoe
Clay	Huntington	Newton	Union
Crawford	Jackson	Noble	Vigo
Daviess	Jasper	Ohio	Wabash
Dearborn	Jay	Orange	Warrick
Decatur	Jennings	Owen	Washington
DeKalb	Johnson	Pike	Wayne
Delaware	Knox	Posey	Wells
Dubois	Kosciusko	Pulaski	White
Elkhart	LaGrange	Putnam	Whitley
Fayette	LaPorte		

Contiguous Counties:

Indiana	(18)	
Benton	Jefferson	Shelby
Clinton	Lake	Spencer
Floyd	Parke	Tipton
Fountain	Perry	Vanderburgh
Hamilton	Porter	Vermillion
Harrison	Rush	Warren

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In addition, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster areas. Those states, counties, and numbers are:

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

Illinois	(9)			
Clark	Gallatin	Lawrence		
Crawford	Iroquois	Wabash		
Edgar	Kankakee	White		
Kentucky	(10)			
Boone	Daviess	Henderson	Meade	Trimble
Carroll	Gallatin	Jefferson	Oldham	Union
Michigan	(5)			
Berrien	Branch	Cass	Hillsdale	St. Joseph
Ohio	(9)			
Butler	Hamilton	Preble		
Darke	Mercer	Van Wert		
Defiance	Paulding	Williams		