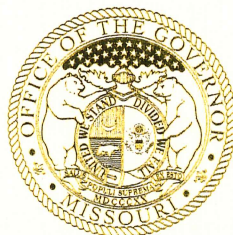


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Brent Hampy
State Executive Director
Missouri Farm Service Agency
Parkade Center, Suite 225
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Columbia, MO 65203

Dear Director Hampy,

As Governor of the state of Missouri, I am writing to request the assistance of the Missouri Farm Service Agency in conducting agricultural damage assessments needed to request a Secretarial disaster declaration for counties impacted by historic flooding this month. Many farmers, ranchers and rural communities have suffered extreme losses, including conservation structures, farmland quality and more. This will almost certainly result in severe planting delays or prevention. The federal disaster assistance administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture is essential for our recovery process to begin.

I ask that damage assessments be conducted for the 12 counties of Atchison, Andrew, Buchanan, Carroll, Chariton, Clay, Holt, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray and Saline along the Missouri River. I also request that the 6 counties of Clark, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Ralls and Pike along the Mississippi River receive assessments. Additionally, I ask that Missouri's Farm Service Agency uses their discretion as the situation progresses this Spring to potentially include the counties of Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Franklin, Howard, Jefferson, Mississippi, Moniteau, Montgomery, New Madrid, Osage, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, St. Charles, St. Louis and Warren, as well as the city of St. Louis for damage assessments.

Missouri agriculture is our state's number one economic driver and we have to thank our farmers, ranchers and rural communities for ensuring that remains true. I appreciate the ongoing efforts of the Missouri Farm Service agency team, from headquarters to the county level, in assisting those in need. Thank you for your leadership in ensuring that tradition continues as we rebuild our farms, ranches and rural communities. I look forward to receiving the damage assessments as quick as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael L. Parson".

Michael L. Parson
Governor