



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

AUG 02 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 2019, requesting a primary county disaster designation for counties in the state of Ohio, due to damage and losses caused by extreme weather conditions that occurred during the 2019 Crop Year.

On July 5, 2019, the Ohio State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for six Ohio counties due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from September 1, 2018, through July 3, 2019.

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 all six 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 an adjacent state 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.

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 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 black ink that reads "Sonny Perdue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Ohio and a Contiguous State

Primary Counties:

Ohio	(6)	
Allen	Clermont	Hancock
Brown	Crawford	Morrow

Contiguous Counties:

Ohio	(18)	
Adams	Henry	Richland
Auglaize	Highland	Seneca
Clinton	Huron	Van Wert
Delaware	Knox	Warren
Hamilton	Marion	Wood
Hardin	Putnam	Wyandot

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

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Kentucky	(4)		
Bracken	Campbell	Mason	Pendleton



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Dear Governor DeWine:

On July 3, 2019, the Ohio State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for five Ohio counties due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from April 1, 2019, through July 3, 2019.

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 all five 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 an adjacent state 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.

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Disaster Designation Areas for Ohio and a Contiguous State

Primary Counties:

Ohio	(5)			
Erie	Huron	Ottawa	Sandusky	Van Wert

Contiguous Counties:

Ohio	(12)	
Allen	Lorain	Putnam
Ashland	Lucas	Richland
Auglaize	Mercer	Seneca
Crawford	Paulding	Wood

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

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Indiana	(2)
Adams	Allen