



Office of the Secretary
Washington, DC 20250

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THE HONORABLE BRIAN KEMP
Governor
State of Georgia
206 Washington Street
Suite 203 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

On October 4, 2023, the Georgia State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for 27 Georgia counties due to losses caused by a hurricane that occurred on August 30, 2023.

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 27 Georgia 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 FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. 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,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure

DISASTER DESIGNATION FOR GEORGIA AND A CONTIGUOUS STATE

Primary Counties:

Georgia	(27)		
Appling	Bulloch	Irwin	Telfair
Atkinson	Candler	Jeff Davis	Thomas
Bacon	Clinch	Lanier	Toombs
Ben Hill	Coffee	Lowndes	Ware
Berrien	Cook	Montgomery	Wayne
Brantley	Echols	Pierce	Wheeler
Brooks	Evans	Tattnall	

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia	(20)		
Bryan	Effingham	Laurens	Screven
Camden	Emanuel	Liberty	Tift
Charlton	Glynn	Long	Treutlen
Colquitt	Grady	McIntosh	Turner
Dodge	Jenkins	Mitchell	Wilcox

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Florida	(6)	
Baker	Hamilton	Leon
Columbia	Jefferson	Madison