



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

June 25, 2020

The Honorable Brian Kemp
Governor
State of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

On May 26, 2020, the Georgia State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for 10 Georgia counties due to losses caused by multiple disasters that occurred during the 2020 Crop Year.

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 10 Georgia counties as primary natural disaster areas, in four separate disaster designations. 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 these disasters.

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

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Georgia and Contiguous States

Designation Number 1: Excessive rain that occurred during March 1 through April 30, 2020:

Primary County:

Georgia (1)
Wilcox

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia (7)
Ben Hill Dodge Pulaski Turner
Crisp Dooley Telfair

Designation Number 2: Tornado, rain, wind, and hail that occurred on April 8, 2020:

Primary Counties:

Georgia (2)
Clinch Lanier

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia (5)
Atkinson Echols Ware
Berrien Lowndes

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Florida (2)
Baker Columbia

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Designation Number 3: Freeze that occurred on April 16, 2020:

Primary County:

Georgia (1)
Towns

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia (4)
Habersham Rabun Union White

Contiguous County in an Adjacent State:

North Carolina (1)
Clay

Designation Number 4: Tornado, rain, wind, and hail that occurred on April 23, 2020:

Primary Counties:

Georgia (6)
Atkinson Clinch Lanier
Brantley Coffee Ware

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia (13)
Bacon Camden Glynn Lowndes Telfair
Ben Hill Charlton Irwin Pierce Wayne
Berrien Echols Jeff Davis

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Florida (2)
Baker Columbia