



Office of the Secretary  
Washington, DC 20250

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THE HONORABLE KIM REYNOLDS  
*Governor*  
*State of Iowa*  
*State Capitol*  
*Des Moines, IA 50319*

Dear Governor Reynolds:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 24 Iowa counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

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.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance, 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 AREAS FOR IOWA AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

**Primary Counties:**

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>(24)</b>		
Benton	Cerro Gordo	Franklin	Mitchell
Black Hawk	Chickasaw	Howard	Poweshiek
Bremer	Clayton	Iowa	Tama
Buchanan	Delaware	Johnson	Washington
Butler	Fayette	Jones	Winneshiek
Cedar	Floyd	Linn	Worth

**Contiguous Counties:**

<b>Iowa</b>	<b>(19)</b>		
Allamakee	Hancock	Jefferson	Muscatine
Clinton	Hardin	Keokuk	Scott
Dubuque	Henry	Louisa	Winnebago
Grundy	Jackson	Mahaska	Wright
Hamilton	Jasper	Marshall	

**Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:**

<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>(4)</b>		
Fillmore	Freeborn	Houston	Mower
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>(2)</b>		
Crawford	Grant		