



Office of the Secretary  
Washington, DC 20250

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THE HONORABLE TONY EVERS  
*Governor*  
*State of Wisconsin*  
*115 East State Capitol*  
*Madison, Wisconsin 53707*

Dear Governor Evers:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating three Wisconsin 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 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.

Other counties in Wisconsin may have already been designated as natural disaster counties if they had previously met the requirements found under 7 CFR 759.5(a) for the current crop year.

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 loans 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 WISCONSIN AND A CONTIGUOUS STATE

**Primary Counties**

<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>(3)</b>		
Ashland	Bayfield	Douglas	

**Contiguous Counties:**

<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>(5)</b>			
Burnett	Iron	Price	Sawyer	Washburn

**Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:**

<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>(3)</b>	
Carlton	Pine	St. Louis