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The Honorable John Kasich
Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

This is in response to your letter of July 30, 2012, and to the memorandum of August 15, 2012, from the Ohio State Executive Director (SED) of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Department of Agriculture (USDA). Your letter and the SED memorandum requested primary county natural disaster designations for all eligible Ohio counties due to losses caused by drought and additional disasters that occurred during the 2012 crop year.

USDA has reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and has determined that there were sufficient production losses in 85 counties to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating 85 Ohio counties as primary natural disaster areas, in four separate disaster designations, as follows:

Designation Number 1: Drought and excessive heat that occurred during the period of February 1, 2012, and continuing:

Primary counties:

Adams	Darke	Hocking	Monroe	Scioto
Allen	Defiance	Holmes	Montgomery	Seneca
Ashland	Delaware	Huron	Morgan	Shelby
Ashtabula	Erie	Jackson	Morrow	Stark
Athens	Fairfield	Jefferson	Muskingum	Summit
Auglaize	Fayette	Knox	Noble	Trumbull
Belmont	Franklin	Lake	Ottawa	Tuscarawas
Brown	Fulton	Licking	Paulding	Union
Butler	Geauga	Logan	Perry	Van Wert
Carroll	Greene	Lorain	Pickaway	Vinton
Champaign	Guernsey	Lucas	Pike	Warren
Clark	Hamilton	Madison	Portage	Washington
Clermont	Hancock	Mahoning	Preble	Wayne
Clinton	Hardin	Marion	Richland	Williams
Columbiana	Harrison	Medina	Ross	Wood
Coshocton	Henry	Mercer	Sandusky	Wyandot
Crawford	Highland	Miami		

Contiguous counties:

Cuyahoga Gallia Lawrence Meigs Putnam

Contiguous counties in Adjacent States:

Indiana (10):

Adams Dearborn Franklin Randolph Union
Allen DeKalb Jay Steuben Wayne

Kentucky (8):

Boone Campbell Kenton Mason
Bracken Greenup Lewis Pendleton

Michigan (3):

Hillsdale Lenawee Monroe

Pennsylvania (5):

Beaver Crawford Erie Lawrence Mercer

West Virginia (8):

Brooke Marshall Pleasants Wetzel
Hancock Ohio Tyler Wood

On August 8, 2012, I designated Putnam County, Ohio, as a primary natural disaster area due to a recent drought, in accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a).

Designation Number 2: Frost and freezes that occurred during the period of March 1 through May 31, 2012:

Primary counties:

Ashtabula Geauga Lake

Contiguous counties:

Cuyahoga Portage Summit Trumbull

Contiguous counties in Adjacent States:

Pennsylvania (2):

Crawford Erie

