



Office of the Secretary
Washington, DC 20250

August 28, 2024

THE HONORABLE PHIL SCOTT
Governor
State of Vermont
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Scott:

On August 8, 2024, the Vermont State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for six counties in Vermont, due to damage and losses caused by flash floods that occurred from July 10, 2024, and continuing.

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 six Vermont 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 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 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 AREAS FOR VERMONT AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

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Primary Counties:

Vermont	(6)	
Caledonia	Essex	Orange
Chittenden	Lamoille	Washington

Contiguous Counties:

Vermont	(5)	
Addison	Grand Isle	Windsor
Franklin	Orleans	

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

New Hampshire	(2)	
Coos		Grafton
New York	(2)	
Clinton	Essex	