



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

August 12, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor
State of Indiana
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

Thank you for your letter of July 28, 2015, cosigned by your colleagues requesting a disaster designation for Indiana counties that suffered losses due to excessive rain and flooding that has occurred in 2015.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses in 53 counties to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating 53 Indiana counties as primary natural disaster areas due to damage and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred during the period of May 1, 2015, and continuing. Those counties are:

Adams	Gibson	Jennings	Montgomery	Scott
Allen	Grant	Johnson	Newton	Starke
Bartholomew	Greene	Knox	Ohio	Sullivan
Blackford	Hendricks	Kosciusko	Pike	Switzerland
Boone	Henry	Lake	Porter	Tippecanoe
Brown	Howard	LaPorte	Pulaski	Vigo
Cass	Huntington	Madison	Putnam	Wabash
Clay	Jackson	Marion	Randolph	Washington
Dearborn	Jasper	Marshall	Ripley	Wayne
Delaware	Jay	Miami	St. Joseph	Wells
Fountain	Jefferson	Monroe		

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your State are named as contiguous disaster counties. Those counties are:

Benton	DeKalb	Hamilton	Orange	Union
Carroll	Dubois	Hancock	Owen	Vanderburgh
Clark	Elkhart	Harrison	Parke	Vermillion
Clinton	Fayette	Lawrence	Posey	Warren
Crawford	Floyd	Martin	Rush	Warrick
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Decatur	Fulton	Noble	Tipton	Whitley

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Contiguous counties in Adjacent States:

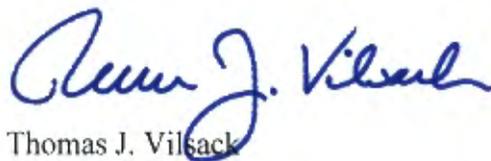
Illinois	(10)			
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Also, the State Executive Director requested a disaster designation for Benton, Clark, Fulton, Morgan, Owen, White, and Whitley Counties in Indiana due to excessive rain and flooding. The State Executive Director requested that the determination be deferred until USDA is able to make a complete and accurate assessment of losses for those counties for the current crop year.

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Sincerely,



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Ms. Julia Wickard
State Executive Director
Indiana State FSA Office
5981 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, Indiana 46278

Dear Ms. Wickard:

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As you requested, a disaster designation for seven Indiana counties is deferred due to damage and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding. Those counties are:

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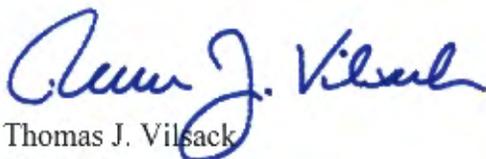
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