



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

October 15, 2020

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor
State of Connecticut
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating one Connecticut county as a primary natural disaster area due to a recent drought.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), this county 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.

Other counties in Connecticut 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 certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sonny Perdue", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Connecticut and Contiguous States

Primary County:

Connecticut	(1)
Litchfield	

Contiguous Counties:

Connecticut	(3)	
Fairfield	Hartford	New Haven

In addition, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster areas. Those states, counties, and numbers are:

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

Massachusetts	(2)
Berkshire	Hampden

New York	(1)
Dutchess	