



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20250

November 2, 2021

The Honorable Eric Holcomb  
Governor  
State of Indiana  
State House, Room 206  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Holcomb:

On July 1, 2021, the acting Indiana State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for one Indiana county due to losses caused by frost and freeze that occurred from April 20 through April 22, 2021. At that time, USDA was unable to make a complete and accurate determination of production losses for the current crop year. On October 19, 2021, the Indiana State Office notified the National Office that all loss assessment reports were complete.

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 one county as primary natural disaster areas. 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. 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 certain assistance from 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 that reads "Thomas J. Vilsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue circular background.

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Indiana

**Primary County:**

**Indiana** (1)  
Tippecanoe

**Contiguous Counties:**

**Indiana** (7)  
Benton Clinton Montgomery White  
Carroll Fountain Warren