



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary  
Washington D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

This is in response to your letter of August 21, 2006, requesting a disaster designation for Collin County, Texas, due to losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred from April 1, 2006, and continuing.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed the Damage Assessment Report for Collin County along with additional information submitted by the State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Based on this review, USDA has determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating Collin County, Texas, as a primary natural disaster area.

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:

Dallas  
Denton

Fannin  
Grayson

Hunt  
Rockwall

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each application on its own merit by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Johanns".

Mike Johanns  
Secretary