



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 May 3, 2006, requesting a disaster designation for Cooke County, Texas, due to losses caused by flash flooding, hail, and high winds that occurred on April 28, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed the Damage Assessment Report for Cooke 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 Cooke 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:

Denton

Grayson

Montague

Wise

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,

Mike Johanns
Secretary