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TO: All Farm Loan Managers
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SUBJECT: Secretarial Disaster Designation **S2973**

Effective February 1, 2010, Twenty-Three Michigan counties are designated as natural disaster areas where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loans due to freeze, frost, excessive snow, low temperatures, and cold weather that occurred January 1, 2009 and ending July 24, 2009. Those counties are:

MICHIGAN PRIMARY COUNTIES (23):

Allegan	Cheboygan	Jackson	Menominee	St. Clair
Antrim	Chippewa	Kalamazoo	Oakland	Van Buren
Berrien	Dickinson	Luce	Otsego	Washtenaw
Cass	Emmet	Mackinac	Presque Isle	Wayne
Charlevoix	Iron	Macomb		

In addition to the above twenty-three primary disaster counties named above, twenty-nine other Michigan counties are named as contiguous counties where farm operators in primary and contiguous counties are eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from FSA, pursuant to Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

MICHIGAN CONTIGUOUS DISASTER AREAS (29):

Alger	Crawford	Hillsdale	Lenawee	Oscoda
Alpena	Delta	Houghton	Livingston	Ottawa
Baraga	Eaton	Ingham	Marquette	Sanilac
Barry	Genesee	Kalkaska	Monroe	Schoolcraft
Branch	Gogebic	Kent	Montmorency	St. Joseph
Calhoun	Grand Traverse	Lapeer	Ontonagon	

Contiguous counties in adjacent States:

Indiana (3)

Elkhart LaPorte St. Joseph

Wisconsin (4)

Florence Forest Marinette Vilas

Emergency loan applications will be received through October 1, 2010 for production losses; and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under FSA Washington Handbook 3-FLP.

For the purpose of determining loan security values for these loan applications, the beginning date for the incidence period is January 1, 2009.

Please proceed to take the appropriate notification and coordination actions required by Farmers Home Administration Instruction 1945-A.

cc: Honorable Jennifer Granholm, Governor
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