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**TO:** All Farm Loan Managers  
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**FROM:** /s/ 2/04/10, David P. Russ  
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**SUBJECT:** Secretarial Disaster Designation **S2974**

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Effective February 1, 2010, Thirty-Four Michigan counties are designated as natural disaster areas where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loans due to excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, hail, lightning, tornadoes, and high winds that occurred April 1, 2009 and ending September 1, 2009. Those counties are:

**MICHIGAN PRIMARY COUNTIES (34):**

Allegan	Ingham	Lapeer	Mecosta	Sanilac
Bay	Ionia	Leelanau	Monroe	St. Clair
Chippewa	Isabella	Lenawee	Muskegon	Tuscola
Clinton	Jackson	Livingston	Newaygo	Van Buren
Grand Traverse	Kalamazoo	Luce	Oakland	Washtenaw
Hillsdale	Kalkaska	Mackinac	Ogemaw	Wayne
Huron	Kent	Macomb	Saginaw	

In addition to the above thirty-four primary disaster counties named above, thirty-three 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 (33):**

Alcona	Branch	Gladwin	Missaukee	Ottawa
Alger	Calhoun	Gratiot	Montcalm	Roscommon
Antrim	Cass	Iosco	Oceana	Schoolcraft
Arenac	Clare	Lake	Osceola	Shiawassee
Barry	Crawford	Manistee	Oscoda	St. Joseph
Benzie	Eaton	Mason	Otsego	Wexford
Berrien	Genesee	Midland		

Contiguous counties in adjacent States:

**Indiana (1)**

Steuben

**Ohio (3)**

Fulton

Lucas

Williams

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 April 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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