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TO: All Farm Loan Managers
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SUBJECT: Secretarial Disaster Designation **S2975**

Effective February 1, 2010, Twenty Michigan counties are designated as natural disaster areas where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loans due to drought that occurred May 1, 2009 and continuing. Those counties are:

MICHIGAN PRIMARY COUNTIES (20):

Alger	Cass	Gogebic	Kalamazoo	Ontonagon
Antrim	Delta	Houghton	Keweenaw	Otsego
Baraga	Dickinson	Iron	Marquette	Schoolcraft
Barry	Eaton	Jackson	Menominee	Van Buren

In addition to the above twenty primary disaster counties named above, twenty-two 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 (22):

Allegan	Cheboygan	Ingham	Lenawee	Montmorency
Berrien	Clinton	Ionia	Livingston	Oscoda
Branch	Crawford	Kalkaska	Luce	St. Joseph
Calhoun	Grand Traverse	Kent	Mackinac	Washtenaw
Charlevoix	Hillsdale			

Contiguous counties in Adjacent State(s):

Indiana (2)

Elkhart St. Joseph

Contiguous counties in Adjacent State(s):

Wisconsin (5)

Florence

Forest

Iron

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 May 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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