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Office of the Secretary
Washington, DC 20250

August 13, 2024

THE HONORABLE KATHY HOCHUL
Governor
State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

On July 30, 2024, the New York State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), requested a primary county disaster designation for seven counties in New York, due to damage and losses caused by a tornado, hurricane, high winds, flash floods, excessive rain, and hail that occurred from July 10 through July 16, 2024.

USDA reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating all seven New York counties as primary natural disaster areas. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure

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Primary Counties:

New York	**(7)**		
Cortland	Lewis	Seneca	Wyoming
Erie	Ontario	Tompkins	

Contiguous Counties:

New York	**(23)**			
Allegany	Chemung	Livingston	Onondaga	Steuben
Broome	Chenango	Madison	Oswego	Tioga
Cattaraugus	Genesee	Monroe	St. Lawrence	Wayne
Cayuga	Herkimer	Niagara	Schuyler	Yates
Chautauqua	Jefferson	Oneida		