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**Date:** 10/28/2015 2:34:03 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft release

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In headline I would say U.S. Department of Agriculture

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From: Adams, Chaney  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:32 PM  
To: Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Glaccum, David  
Cc: Baker, Josh; Schimsa, Rebecca; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach  
Subject: RE: Draft release

Can you all please proof this one more time and make sure there are no changes that need to be made. When you all are good I will send.



October 28, 2015  
For immediate release  
Contact: Chaney Adams, 803-528-7217  
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## **29 Counties Declared Primary Natural Disaster Areas By Agriculture Department** *Haley Announces Relief Available To Farmers Impacted By Flooding*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Nikki Haley today announced that United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack has issued a disaster designation for counties in South Carolina that suffered damage and losses due to heavy rains and flooding. The governor requested the disaster designation in an October 19 letter.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met.

This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties, which include both primary and contiguous 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, administered by the South Carolina State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency, can provide affected farmers with further information.

The following 29 counties were designated as primary natural disaster areas after USDA determined sufficient production losses had occurred:

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Chester, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter and Williamsburg

The following counties have been named as contiguous disaster counties:

Abbeville, Anderson, Beaufort, Charleston, Chesterfield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, McCormick, Marlboro, Spartanburg, Union, York

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From: Patel, Swati  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:14 PM  
To: Godfrey, Rob; Glaccum, David  
Cc: Baker, Josh; Schimsa, Rebecca; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach  
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Let's make sure Josh has called Weathers as you release this.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:12 PM  
To: Glaccum, David  
Cc: Baker, Josh; Schimsa, Rebecca; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach; Patel, Swati  
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Ok. Any other changes?

Rob Godfrey  
Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

On Oct 28, 2015, at 2:09 PM, Glaccum, David <[DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov](mailto:DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Clarifying language highlighted below.

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From: Baker, Josh  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:06 PM  
To: Godfrey, Rob  
Cc: Schimsa, Rebecca; Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach; Glaccum, David; Patel, Swati  
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Contiguous counties are also available for the loans;coming your way

On Oct 28, 2015, at 2:03 PM, Godfrey, Rob <[RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Josh/Glacc - can y'all help with language to make that clearer?

Rob Godfrey  
Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

On Oct 28, 2015, at 2:01 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

There are periods missing after Williamsburg and York.

My only suggestion is to clarify the difference between a disaster county and a contiguous county as far as what assistance is offered to farmers in the two types of counties. Josh/David – Let me know if you need my help on this.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:51 PM  
To: Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach  
Cc: Baker, Josh; Glaccum, David; Patel, Swati; Schimsa, Rebecca  
Subject: RE: Draft release

Forgot to loop Becca in here, too.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:49 PM  
To: Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach  
Cc: Baker, Josh; Glaccum, David; Patel, Swati  
Subject: Draft release  
Importance: High

**Baker/Glaccum,**

**Please proof read and send over changes to the following release. Substance or other problems. Open to suggested changes. Please make sure my lists of counties are right.**

**Chaney or Brian,**

**Once we have those changes, please get this ready to go. Check it for typos, spelling errors or missing words.**

**This needs to be out the door no later than 2:30 PM.**

**Thank you**

**Rob**

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