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Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
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Dear Governor Haley:

On January 20, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture declared four North Carolina counties as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by drought and excessive heat that occurred from April 25, 2015, and continuing. As a result of this declaration, eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loan assistance.

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states that are contiguous to one or more of the designated North Carolina counties are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. The following counties in South Carolina are eligible:

Lancaster

York

EM loan assistance is available to any applicant with a qualifying loss in the above counties through September 20, 2016.

If I can provide further information or be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

W. JACK NETTLES, Acting  
State Executive Director