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**Gov. Nikki Haley Requests Expedited Aid for South Carolina Farmers**  
*No South Carolina farmer with “a viable business should lose that business solely because of this flood”*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** - Governor Nikki Haley today requested assistance from United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack in expediting crop insurance payments to South Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by statewide flooding.

In a letter to the secretary, Gov. Haley wrote, “Unfortunately, we are continuing to receive information from farmers that the process to file and receive payment for claims is slow and cumbersome. In many cases, they are even required to harvest valueless crops at a significant expense. Accordingly, I am requesting your assistance to expedite this process and bring certainty to hundreds of small businesses across South Carolina.”

The full text of the letter can be found here: <http://goo.gl/nyDpdo>

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