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Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

On July 13, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture declared three South Carolina counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought that occurred from July 5, 2016, and continuing. As a result of this declaration, eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loan assistance. The three counties affected are:

Abbeville

Anderson

McCormick

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, six other South Carolina counties were named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Those counties are:

Edgefield  
Greenville

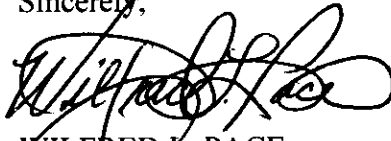
Greenwood  
Laurens

Oconee  
Pickens

EM loan assistance is available to any applicant with a qualifying loss in the above counties through March 13, 2017.

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

Sincerely,



WILFRED L. PACE  
State Executive Director