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

Dear Governor Haley:

On October 28, 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture declared 29 South Carolina counties as primary disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from October 1, 2015, and continuing. As a result of this declaration, eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loan assistance. Those counties are:

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

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 13 other South Carolina counties were named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Those counties are:

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

EM loan assistance is available to any applicant with a qualifying loss in the above counties through June 28, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Ott", written over the word "Sincerely,".

HARRY L. OTT, JR.  
State Executive Director