

# Congress of the United States

August 31, 2011

The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

Since March 2011, Georgia has experienced severe drought and extreme heat conditions which have directly impacted agricultural producers across the state.

On August 15, 2011, the Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, sent a letter with a list of eligible counties as recommended by the Georgia USDA State Emergency Board. Therefore, we would encourage you to review and designate any eligible counties as Secretarial Disaster Areas as expeditiously as possible. It is vitally important that eligible producers suffering from disaster are able to utilize any federal assistance that may help offset losses that were suffered during the 2011 crop year.

We look forward to working with you throughout this process to ensure that eligible producers suffering from disaster are able to utilize any available federal assistance in a timely manner.

Very truly yours,

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