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August 15, 2011

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

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Due to the ongoing drought and extreme heat which began in Georgia around the middle of March, Georgia's agricultural community has suffered extensive losses to numerous crops.

USDA Loss Assessment Reports have been prepared by USDA County Emergency Boards and reviewed by the USDA State Emergency Board (SEB). The SEB has concurred with the loss information as reported on the Loss Assessment Reports and have recommended a USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation be requested.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in naming the following Georgia Counties as a Secretarial Disaster Designation:

Appling	Burke	Coffee	Early
Atkinson	Butts	Colquitt	Echols
Bacon	Calhoun	Columbia	Effingham
Baker	Camden	Cook	Elbert
Banks	Candler	Coweta	Emanuel
Barrow	Carroll	Crawford	Evans
Bartow	Catoosa	Crisp	Fannin
Ben Hill	Charlton	Dade	Fayette
Berrien	Chatham	Dawson	Floyd
Bibb	Chattooga	Decatur	Forsyth
Bleckley	Cherokee	DeKalb	Franklin
Brantley	Clarke	Dodge	Fulton
Brooks	Clay	Dooly	Gilmer
Bryan	Clinch	Dougherty	Glascock
Bulloch	Cobb	Douglas	Glynn



Gordon	Lincoln	Polk	Towns
Grady	Long	Pulaski	Treutlen
Gwinnett	Lowndes	Putnam	Troup
Habersham	Lumpkin	Quitman	Turner
Hall	Macon	Rabun	Twiggs
Hancock	Madison	Randolph	Union
Haralson	Marion	Richmond	Upson
Harris	McDuffie	Rockdale	Walker
Hart	McIntosh	Schley	Walton
Heard	Meriwether	Screven	Ware
Henry	Miller	Seminole	Warren
Houston	Mitchell	Spalding	Washington
Irwin	Monroe	Stephens	Wayne
Jackson	Montgomery	Stewart	Webster
Jeff Davis	Morgan	Sumter	Wheeler
Jefferson	Murray	Taliaferro	White
Jenkins	Oconee	Tattnall	Whitfield
Johnson	Oglethorpe	Taylor	Wilcox
Lamar	Paulding	Telfair	Wilkes
Lanier	Peach	Terrell	Wilkinson
Laurens	Pickens	Thomas	Worth
Lee	Pierce	Tift	
Liberty	Pike	Toombs	

With the USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation, Georgia farmers located in the above Counties will be eligible to apply for assistance such as emergency loans and other benefits provided by the existing Farm Bill.

If my office can provide more information please do not hesitate to contact Steven Meeks at 912-207-0813 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal  
Governor