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Governor Culver Applauds Federal Disaster Declaration

11 Iowa Counties Designated as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today applauded U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack's designation of 11 Iowa counties as primary natural disaster areas, making assistance available to agriculture producers in those counties, as well as 44 contiguous counties.

The 11 primary counties included in this latest Secretarial Disaster Designation have been designated as such due to losses caused by severe storms with excessive rain, flooding and flash flooding, hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred from April 25 through Aug. 15, 2010. Those counties are: Audubon, Delaware, Dubuque, Hamilton, Henry, Mahaska, Muscatine, Pottawattamie, Story, Warren and Wright.

The 44 contiguous counties included in the new declaration are: Adair, Boone, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Clayton, Crawford, Dallas, Des Moines, Fayette, Franklin, Guthrie, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Humboldt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Shelby, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington and Webster. Additional counties may be added to the Secretarial Disaster Designation.

This Secretarial Disaster Designation makes farm operators eligible to be considered for certain types of assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. Producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information.

On Aug. 24, Governor Culver received word that Secretary Vilsack had designated 20 counties in Iowa as primary disaster areas and 32 counties as contiguous counties, as the result of severe storms, excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred from April 25 to July 18, 2010.

For information on other types of available agriculture assistance, producers may contact their local FSA office.

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