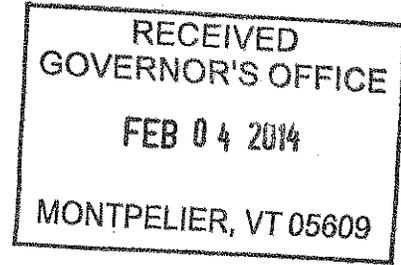




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Honorable Peter Shumlin Governor of Vermont Pavilion Building Montpelier, VT 05620-2901

Dear Governor Shumlin:

Effective January 29, 2014 Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4163 was declared in seven (7) Vermont counties due to severe winter storms that occurred from December 20 – 26, 2013. Those counties are:

Caledonia Chittenden Essex Franklin Grand Isle Lamoille Orleans

In addition, three counties in Vermont are named as contiguous disaster areas where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA emergency physical loss loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

Addison Orange Washington

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states that are contiguous to one or more primary counties in Vermont will be named as contiguous counties were eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA emergency physical loss loan assistance. Those States and counties are:

New Hampshire (2) - Coos Grafton

Emergency loans may be made available to any applicant with a qualifying loss in the counties named. This notification is coded M4163. Emergency loan applications will be received until September 29, 2014. FSA will use the beginning date of December 20, 2013 to determine loan security values for these loan applications.

Sincerely, Patrick K. Freeman

PATRICK K. FREEMAN Farm Loan Chief