

**From:** Bothfeld, Diane [Diane.Bothfeld@vermont.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** Allen, Susan; Ross, Chuck; LaClair, Jolinda; Lewis, Chelsea  
**CC:** MacLean, Alex  
**Subject:** RE: USDA Disaster Declaration - correct attachments

Hi Sue,

This is not the disaster declaration that Governor Shumlin requested – this is for the state of NY requested by Governor Coumo.

The VT Disaster request is on hold until the harvest to determine what the total loss is. We are working with VT USDA which is collecting the information to combine with Spring delayed and lost planting information to get the complete picture of the losses in VT.

We can do a press release for the counties of Franklin and Grand Isle that are contiguous to the counties in NY that were declared a disaster – they receive fewer benefits than if (and when) they are declared a disaster under the VT request. We would also place this announcement in our Agriview paper – specifically for farmers.

I will contact VT USDA to determine the status of VT Declaration and if they want to do any joint press.

Diane

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**From:** Allen, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 3:28 PM  
**To:** Ross, Chuck; LaClair, Jolinda; Lewis, Chelsea; Bothfeld, Diane  
**Cc:** MacLean, Alex  
**Subject:** FW: USDA Disaster Declaration - correct attachments

Can you look at this and let me know what we want to do. Assume we want a press release ... does this include everything we asked for? Anything we didn't get? (I'm getting on a conference call ... do you mind e-mailing me and copying Alex).

Sue

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**From:** Yezak, Jennifer [Jennifer.Yezak@osec.usda.gov]  
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**To:** Yezak, Jennifer; Lofy, Bill; Richards, Alyson; Allen, Susan; MacLean, Alex; Moulton, Carolyn; Ross, Chuck  
**Cc:** Bailey, Kevin; Griffis, Janice  
**Subject:** RE: USDA Disaster Declaration - correct attachments

Hi folks,

In the first message, I had the wrong letter and map. Sorry for any confusion and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Jennifer

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**From:** Yezak, Jennifer  
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**Cc:** Bailey, Kevin  
**Subject:** USDA Disaster Declaration

Good afternoon,

Secretary Vilsack declared counties as natural disaster areas in New York. Based on this declaration, the counties of Chittenden and Grand Isle in Vermont have been named as contiguous disaster counties and are available for benefits. A map is attached.

If you have any questions feel free to call me.

Respectfully,

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