



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Timothy M. Kaine
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County of Albemarle
Board of Supervisor's Office

The Honorable Ed Schafer
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
Second Floor
14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Schafer:

I hereby request that you designate the following thirteen localities as disaster areas for the purpose of allowing farmers in these localities to participate in any emergency assistance programs available through your agency.

Albemarle	Goochland	Lunenburg
Buckingham	Greene	Powhatan
Caroline	Hanover	Rockbridge
Fluvanna	Henry	
Franklin	Isle of Wight	

I make this request in response to the agricultural losses experienced in these localities due to drought and excessive heat for crop year 2008. Enclosed is a copy of the official loss assessment reports that were prepared by the Farm Service Agency in response to a request on my behalf. Any federal assistance that would help reduce the financial hardship experienced by farmers in these localities would be greatly appreciated.

I appreciate your attention to this request and look forward to your response in the near future.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kaine

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c: The Honorable John W. Warner, U. S. Senate
The Honorable Jim Webb, U. S. Senate
The Honorable Rob Wittman, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Randy J. Forbes, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Virgil Goode, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Bob Goodlatte, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Eric Cantor, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Ryan T. McDougle, Virginia Senate
The Honorable John Watkins, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Walter A. Stosch, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Fredrick M. Quayle, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Virginia Senate
The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Robert Hurt, Virginia Senate
The Honorable William Roscoe Reynolds, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Emmett Hanger, Virginia Senate
The Honorable R. Creigh Deeds, Virginia Senate
The Honorable Charles D. Poindexter, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Ward L. Armstrong, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Donald W. Merricks, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Benjamin L. Cline, House of Delegates
The Honorable R. Steven Landes, House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert D. Orrock, Sr., Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Frank D. Hargrove, Sr., Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable David J. Toscano, House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert B. Bell, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr., House of Delegates
The Honorable Thomas C. Wright, House of Delegates
The Honorable William K. Barlow, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable R. Lee Ware, Jr., Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Roslyn C. Tyler, House of Delegates
The Honorable Christopher Kilian Peace, Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Albert C. Pollard, Jr., Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert S. Bloxom, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
The Honorable John W. Marshall, Secretary of Public Safety
Todd P. Haymore, Commissioner, VDACS
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Jacquelin P. Easter, State Executive Director, Virginia State Farm Service Agency
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