

News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)
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Spratt Announces Aid for Farmers

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that South Carolina's farmers are eligible for federal disaster relief from the drought that has plagued the state since last April.

"The Secretary of Agriculture has designated all counties in South Carolina as primary disaster areas," said Spratt. "Consequently, farmers can be considered for low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met."

Spratt said farmers in the 5th District have suffered for too long from factors beyond their control. "In recent years, crop prices have plummeted while the farming costs have skyrocketed. The drought has only made a bad situation worse. I'm pleased the Department of Agriculture has made low interest emergency loans available to South Carolina's farmers."

To apply for loans, eligible farmers should contact their county FSA office or the South Carolina FSA, 1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29201, phone 803-806-3820.

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