



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

September 12, 2022

The Honorable Thomas Vilsack  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Subject: Request for a Secretarial Disaster Declaration

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759, I request a Secretarial Disaster Designation for New Haven and Litchfield Counties within the State of Connecticut, areas that incurred significant damage due to the drought that has affected Connecticut over the course of this summer.

Both New London and Windham Counties have previously recorded a D3-Extreme Drought. The two aforementioned counties have experienced the same drought with resulting qualifying losses of at least thirty percent (30%) in at least one crop in the county. It is my understanding that the USDA Farm Service Agency county offices are in the process of formally recording those reported losses.

A Secretarial designation will open the availability of low-interest USDA Farm Service Agency emergency loans for eligible producers in the approved counties.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If your staff have any questions or require additional information or documentation, please contact Connecticut's Commissioner of Agriculture, Bryan Hurlburt at [bryan.hurlburt@ct.gov](mailto:bryan.hurlburt@ct.gov) or at [\(860\) 713-2501](tel:8607132501).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont".

Ned Lamont  
Governor