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The Honorable Michael Johanns
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence Avenue
Room 200-A, Administration Building
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns:

A natural disaster has occurred in the state of Michigan that will result in 2006 production losses in fruit, vegetables and other frost/freeze sensitive crops. Consistent with United States Department of Agriculture policy, we are informing you of the current situation in Michigan.

The following weather event occurred: Beginning April 25, 2006 and continuing, several frost/freeze events occurred in several Michigan counties. The following twenty-eight (28) counties have been impacted:

Allegan	Hillsdale	Newaygo
Antrim	Ionia	Oceana
Barry	Kalamazoo	Otsego
Benzie	Kent	Ottawa
Berrien	Leelanau	St. Clair
Cass	Macomb	St. Joseph
Charlevoix	Manistee	VanBuren
Eaton	Mason	Washtenaw
Emmett	Muskegon	Wayne
Grand Traverse		

Damage assessment information is being collected by the USDA Farm Service Agency and will be forwarded to your office as soon as it is available after October 1, 2006. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor