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The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

I write to request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture declare an agricultural emergency for the State of Louisiana due to the impacts of Tropical Storm Arthur.

Heavy rainfall and flooding associated with Tropical Storm Arthur have significantly impacted agricultural operations across Louisiana. Saturated fields and standing water have delayed fieldwork, damaged crops, and disrupted farming operations during a critical period of the growing season. In addition, producers are expected to experience significant quality losses across multiple commodities as a result of prolonged wet conditions.

Louisiana farmers are facing substantial economic hardship as they assess the full extent of the storm's damage. Given the severity of these impacts, I respectfully request that USDA take swift action to make available all appropriate disaster assistance and recovery resources to affected producers.

Thank you for your consideration and your prompt attention to this matter. If I can answer any questions regarding this topic, or otherwise be of help, please contact Kade Smith in my office at Kade.Smith@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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