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## Commissioner Helmick Urges Farmers to Report Any Damage from Recent Rains

**Charleston, W.Va.** -- Farmers affected by the recent flooding in West Virginia need to document any storm damage to their facilities, equipment and/or livestock and report it to their local Farm Service Agency, according to Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick.

"The federal government sometimes provides disaster assistance when we see weather events of this magnitude," said Commissioner Helmick. "But it's important that the damage is documented by the farmers and by FSA offices so we can have a good measure of the economic losses."

Local FSA contact information can be found at:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=mv&agency=fsa>.

Numerous assistance programs with a variety of relief are available from the federal government. Some require formal disaster declarations, while others do not. However, a declaration paves the way for more programs, and Congress often approves additional funding and additional programs long after the events.

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