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# RON TUSLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 3<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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## **Calumet, Outagamie County Farmers Eligible For Aid**

*Farm Service Agency Loans Available After Heavy Rain This Summer*

**Madison, WI** – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Perdue has designated Calumet, Outagamie and five other counties as disaster areas following heavy rains in June and July. Farmers may be eligible for emergency loans or other assistance as a result of the declaration.

“The heavy rain we had this summer greatly affected Calumet County’s strawberry crop,” said Representative Ron Tusler (R – Harrison). “The disaster declaration will help farmers recover from production losses caused by the weather.”

Thirty percent of Calumet County’s strawberry crop was lost as a result of flooding and oversaturated fields.

The disaster declaration may make qualified farm operators eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans. Affected farmers may be eligible for other FSA programs including Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, the Emergency Conservation Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program, and the Tree Assistance Program.

Farmers can contact their local USDA FSA Offices for more information:

### **Calumet County Farm Service Agency**

206 Court Street  
Chilton, WI 53014-1127  
(920) 849-3570 ext. 2

### **Outagamie County Farm Service Agency**

3369 W Brewster Street  
Appleton, WI 54914-1602  
(920) 733-1575 ext. 2

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