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## **Sen. Jason Crowell Works to Bring Relief to Scott County**

JEFFERSON CITY—Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that Scott County has been added to the list of 111 other Missouri counties to soon have access to federal disaster aid to help them through the summer-long drought.

The Farm Service Agency's initial drought assessment did not find Scott County to be a natural disaster area, but upon a recent reassessment encouraged by Crowell, the agency declared Scott County as one of three additional counties in need of disaster relief. Gov. Matt Blunt added the three counties to his request for a natural disaster declaration from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. Natural-disaster status allows agricultural producers to gain access to low-interest loans, federal grants, tax breaks and other resources.

"The incredibly dry growing season has devastated the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers across Missouri," Crowell said. "Scott County families have also been suffering, and because of their agricultural loss, they qualify for disaster relief."

Federal and state agricultural officials' most recent estimate found that at least 40 percent of Missouri's corn, soybean and sorghum crops, and more than 80 percent of its pastures are in poor or very poor condition. Based on crop damage assessment reports finalized by the USDA Farm Service Agency, Blunt has declared 112 of Missouri's 114 counties to be natural-disaster areas, including all of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District—Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties.

"I am working with and for each and every farmer whose hard work helps put food on the tables for Missourians," Crowell said. "Although disaster-relief aid will not reverse the crop and livestock damage, it will at least help alleviate some of the financial burdens for the families in our senate district."

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Crowell advises farmers in the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District to contact their local FSA to find out what programs are available to them. Contact information for the local service centers is as follows:

PERRY COUNTY—Perryville (573) 547-6531

SCOTT COUNTY—Benton (573) 545-3593.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY—Charleston (573) 649-9930

MADISON COUNTY—Greenville (573) 224-3410

BOLLINGER COUNTY— Marble Hill (573) 238-2671

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY— Jackson (573) 243-1467

More information about the drought can be found online at [www.dnr.mo.gov/geology/droughtupdate.htm](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geology/droughtupdate.htm).

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