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## Crowell Commends the Governor's Response to Recent Storms

JEFFERSON CITY — The following is a statement from Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, about Gov. Matt Blunt's efforts to secure federal assistance for portions of Missouri that were ravaged by storms last month. Earlier this week, the governor sent a letter to Mike Johanns, secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, requesting that nine counties be declared natural disaster areas for agricultural loss due to storm and flood damage. Among the areas included in the request were Cape Girardeau, Mississippi and Perry counties.

## SEN. JASON CROWELL:

"The storms caused severe property damage, including damage to crops and field-drainage systems. This significantly has hurt the livelihood of Missouri farmers. I commend the governor for having gone to this extent to get Missouri farm families the assistance they need and deserve. If his request is granted, those impacted by the floods and destructive winds will be able to have access to emergency low-interest loans. I will be working to ensure that the victims of these storms continue to receive the necessary resources."

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