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**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2019-DA-02446-F
Interim No. 3**

Dear Mr. Wood:

This correspondence and the accompanying records constitute the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) third interim response for FOIA request **2019-DA-02446-F**.

This interim also responds to the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01201 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above-referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limits provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight's (AO) request for the following:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) with Senator David Perdue or any person who works for Senator Perdue, including any person using an email address ending in perdue.senate.gov.

Please produce responsive records of the following individuals and offices:

- a) All political appointees in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Perdue
- b) All political appointees in the Office of Congressional Relations
- c) Farm Service Agency Georgia State Executive Director Talmadge Smith

- d) USDA Rural Development Georgia State Director Joyce White
2. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between or among (a) any political appointee in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Perdue, and (b) any of the following individuals and entities or any person acting on their behalf:
- a) Jose "Pepe" Fanjul Jr.
 - b) Jose "Pepe" Fanjul Sr.
 - c) Alfonso "Alfie" Fanjul Jr.
 - d) Florida Crystals Corporation (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending in floridacrystals.com)
 - e) Fanjul Corp.
 - f) Becker & Poliakoff (including but not limited to any person using an email address ending in bplegal.com)
 - g) Smith & Boyette, including Van Boyette

Please produce all responsive records from January 20, 2017 through the date of search.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. This interim response addresses, in part, item one of your request.

Search Efforts

An initial search for responsive records was conducted by the Office of the Chief Information Officer's (OCIO) telecommunications provider, the Client Experience Center (CEC). The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users. The CEC also implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide. The CEC located several hundred pages of records potentially responsive to item one of your request, and 103 of those pages were provided to you in the DFO's first interim response on July 31. On August 12, a second interim response of 182 pages was provided to you. An additional 250 pages have been reviewed for responsiveness by the DFO and are being provided to you in this third interim release; these pages are Bates Stamped 00286 – 00535.

The DFO has determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6) (FOIA Exemptions 3, 5 and 6). Below is an explanation of the information withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(3) “FOIA Exemption 3”

FOIA Exemption 3 provides for the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another federal statute provided that one of two disjunctive requirements are met: the statute either “(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a matter as to leave no discretion on the issue; *or* (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matter to be withheld.”

5 U.S.C. §(b)(3)(2006)(emphasis added), amended by the OPEN Government Act of 2007, Pub. L.No. 110-175, 121 Stat. 2524.

The information herein withheld is protected by Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill, codified as 7 U.S.C. §8791(b)(2)A), which “prohibits the release of information provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department, and geospatial information otherwise maintained by the Secretary about agricultural land or operations for which the previously described information is provided.”

In this instance, the DFO is withholding, under Exemption 3, information regarding the operation and practices of an agricultural producer.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) “FOIA Exemption 5”

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.” FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure privileged information under the deliberative process privilege.

To fall within FOIA’s deliberative process privilege, the records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative; the records must precede the adoption of an agency policy and include the opinions, recommendations, or deliberations on a legal or policy matter. In this instance, the DFO is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, pre-decisional discussions contained in email communications between USDA employees.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) “FOIA Exemption 6”

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in “personnel, medical and similar files” when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and

where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest which would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

Portions of the records produced as a result of the CEC's search were withheld under FOIA Exemption 6. These items include cellular phone numbers, unpublished office numbers and emails, conference call access codes, information related to retirement, the names of job applicants and interviewees, and personal information concerning individuals' friends and families. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Release of the cellular phone numbers and unpublished office numbers and emails could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. Release of the conference call access codes could allow an uninvited person access to private information. Release of the names of the job applicants could cause embarrassment to unsuccessful applicants. With regard to the other items, all are purely personal in nature and do not advance one's understanding of the government's operations.

Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, we have determined that the public interest in the information's release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

Please note that the responsive records include information that originated with or pertains to USDA's Rural Development (RD) agency. The DFO consulted RD regarding its equities. The withheld information is redacted with overlay text indicating the agency to which it pertains and the exemptions asserted.

The DFO's review of potentially responsive records is still ongoing. In light of the matter *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-01201 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this interim response or the pending civil action, please contact Ms. Denise Clark, Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia at Denise.Clark@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,



Alexis Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Records (250 pages)

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: andrew_seaver@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: SJ Gun Club seeks lawmakers" help on shooting range.pdf
Date: Monday, February 5, 2018 11:51:35 PM **Attachment available at:** http://www.unioncountygunclub.com/NG_News.pdf
Attachments: [SJ Gun Club seeks lawmakers" help on shooting range.pdf](#)

Looks like we've made the paper. This is coming out tomorrow. I've been on the phone with Sheriff Mack Mason. I do hope all this works out for them.

Hope you are doing great.

Joyce

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: martha_zoller@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 9:12:04 AM

Good shot of you in the background of picture No. 11. In seeing these pics, I can't help but be reminded that I had to fight (or we had to fight) so hard for him to attend some of these things and now they are listed in the highlights!

Hope you are great. (b) (6)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 29, 2017

Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) shared a look at his third year as an outsider in the U.S. Senate working to shake things up and get results for Georgians and the American people.

Download the entire gallery [here](#).

1. **January 20, 2017:** Attending President Trump's inauguration with Senators Thom Tillis and Joni Ernst.

2. **February 9, 2017:** Meeting with Judge Neil Gorsuch, who the Senate later confirmed as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



3. **April 12, 2017:** Touring the 1-85 bridge rebuild effort with GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurtry.

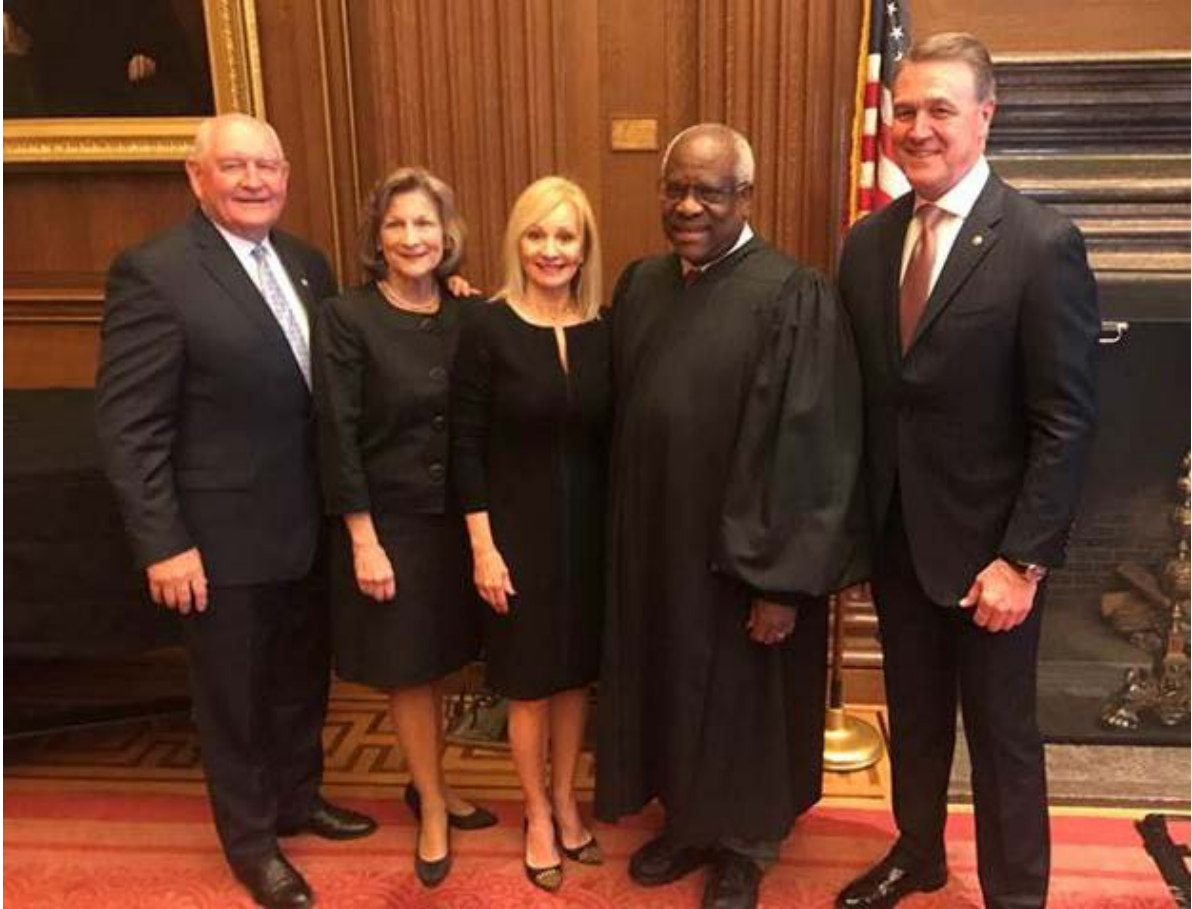


4. **April 13, 2017:** Thanking law enforcement officers in Glennville at the 30th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout hosted by Wayne Dasher.



5. **April 25, 2017:** Witnessing my cousin, Sonny, be sworn in as the 31st U.S. Secretary of

Agriculture by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Clarence Thomas.



6. **June 9, 2017:** Hosting a send-off breakfast in honor of the 20 Georgians nominated and appointed to U.S. Service Academies.



7. **June 27, 2017:** Attending a Sunset Parade at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.



8. **July 4, 2017:** Celebrating Independence Day with our troops in Afghanistan.



9. **July 11, 2017:** Urging the Senate to work through the regularly scheduled August state work period in order to get results for Georgians and the American people.



10. **August 2, 2017:** Introducing the RAISE Act, a pro-worker, pro-growth plan to solve our country's immigration problems, with President Trump and Senator Tom Cotton at the White House. *(courtesy of the White House)*



11. **August 25, 2017:** Greeting Georgians attending the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Conference in Atlanta.



12. **October 4, 2017:** Introducing Tripp Self, President Trump's nominee to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, in his confirmation hearing alongside Senator Isakson.



13. **November 7, 2017:** Highlighting the importance of changing our tax code with Senior Trump Administration officials, grassroots leaders, and other senators.



14. **December 6, 2017:** Hosting Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson, leaders from Robins Air Force Base, and members of the Warner Robins community to celebrate Robins' successes and highlight its many assets.



15. **December 20, 2017:** Marking an historic achievement at the White House after voting to pass a tax bill that provides real relief to working Americans and makes America competitive with the rest of the world.



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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:32:29 PM

Hey Charles. I'll ask Al's boss if she knows anything about this. We hope you are great. Thanks.

Joyce

From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Friday, June 29, 2018 at 12:11:02 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: USDA Value Added Producer Grant question

Hey Joyce!

Can you help on the question below? Happy Friday and hope you have a great weekend!!!

Charles White

(b) (6)

Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Jun 29, 2018, at 11:03 AM, Chris Paulk (b) (6) <@muscadineproductsco.com> wrote:

Hi Charles

I hope you are doing well. I have a quick question I'm hoping you might be able to help me with or point me in the right direction.

We (Muscadine Products Corporation) applied for USDA's Value Added Producer Grant in January, and the advertised announcement date was May 30, 2018. Unfortunately, as of today, nothing has been announced. I contacted Al Burns with USDA in Tifton a couple of times, but I hate to keep asking him. So, I'm hoping you can help find out when the announcement will be made, or maybe what we can do to help move things along.

I am optimistic about our application. But, just so that we (and others) can get on with business, I'd like to know where we stand with the grant. Please let me know if you have any questions and what I can do to help.

Thank you very much for your help.

Chris

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Chris G. Paulk - MPC

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From: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
To: [Zoller Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Courtesy Copy: Join us! USDA and SBA Team Up for Business Event on July 25 in NE Georgia
Date: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:51:57 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hey Martha: It was great talking to you for a few minutes this morning.

Below is the event I was telling you about. It is co hosted by the Small Business Administration and my organization, USDA Rural Development.

We will start that morning with a breakfast at the chicken place that Abit and Mike Giles always talk about. I'm not sure of the name. Then we will make our way over to Jaemor.

I just wanted you to know in case you can attend or maybe Andrew can stop by.

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5340 Cornelia Hwy
Alto, GA 30510
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)

- [GA_SBA_USDA_RuralStrong.pdf](#)

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For additional details and information, telephone Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer, Rural Development Georgia at **RD: (b)(6)** or email to Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Re: Pecan growers
Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018 11:19:47 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thank you so much Joyce. This is helpful.

Best to you!
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 10/4/18 11:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Pecan growers

Kathy: Tas Smith is State Director over Farm Service Agency and so has responsibility to work with the growers. His answer is below in his e-mail. I forwarded your e-mail to him. I hope this helps.

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From: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Pecan growers

Hey Joyce,

I have heard concerns from some pecan growers about not being included in MFP. However, I am not aware of any conversations to include them in the program at this time.

Hope this is helpful.

Tas

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 4:53:16 PM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pecan growers

Tas. Do you know the answer to this question? Thanks

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 9:30:00 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Pecan growers

Hi Joyce,

I have been contacted by two pecan farmers asking if pecans will be included on the MFP direct payment list in the future. The latest info I have shows direct payments for corn, cotton, soybeans, dairy, hog, wheat and a few others but not pecans.

I know there's a lot of uncertainty right now so this may be a "wait and see" situation.

Thank you Joyce.

I toured Leatherbrook Farm yesterday and met this guy!

Best always,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tomorrow in Blairsville
Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:09:58 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

I got your vm. Sorry I was on my other phone. If you can't make it, I'll let you know what happens.

Thanks!

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From: Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) [mailto:Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 4:08 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow in Blairsville

Hey Joyce, Sorry I missed your call! I just left you a voicemail, but who has time to check those anymore!!

Thanks for keeping me in the loop. I am not sure if I'll be able to make it up tomorrow in time. Great to hear things are moving so quickly though!! Give us a shout if there's anything else we can do. Best, Andrew

On Mar 8, 2018, at 3:00 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Andrew: I called your 912 number and your voicemail is full, but I wanted you to know that I am meeting with U.S. Forestry and Sheriff Mack Mason and DNR tomorrow to look at the forest land Union County wants for a firing range for their 300 plus gun club that has been formed and for Union Co to qualify their weapons. We are meeting at Alexander's Store at 12:30.

You are welcome to come if you would like but I know this is last minute and not necessary. Just wanted you to be aware.

Hope you are great!

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From: [Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Fwd: Georgia Status - Irma
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 6:01:30 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

See email below, the latest on the USDA Rural Development offices in Georgia...so far, 8 of the 14 state offices will be closed.

Jannine

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA" <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>
Date: September 10, 2017 at 3:40:42 PM EDT

Here's the latest from Georgia. The State FAC has decided not to open the State Offices in Athens tomorrow. We will meet again by conference call Monday at 5 PM to review the status and make a decision about Tuesday.

Other RD offices have been added to the closure list for tomorrow bringing the total to 8:

Sandersville – 6 employees
 Monroe – 8 employees
 Clarkesville – 4 employees

I do expect other offices to close, but some may be tomorrow afternoon depending on when the storm hits the northern part of the state.

The Governor has declared all counties in Georgia to be under a state of emergency.
 State Government Offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Jack

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#); [Martha Zoller](#); martha.zoller@georgia.gov
Subject: RE: SURPRISE **RD: (b)(6)**
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 9:37:19 AM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
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[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

Thanks Greg **RD: (b)(6)**

She was a wealth of knowledge to me in starting the Georgia office for Senator Perdue. If I can swing by, I will do so. I'm not sure where I'll be that day. I know I have a White House call that day at noon, but maybe **RD: (b)(6)**

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From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 12:24 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; **(b) (6)**; Martha Zoller **(b) (6)** @marthazoller.com>; martha.zoller@georgia.gov
Subject: FW: SURPRISE **(b) (6)**

FYI

From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 5:42 PM
Subject: SURPRISE

Hi Everyone,

As you know, **(b) (6)**
(b) (6) If you're in the area, please join us to
(b) (6) Let me know if you have any
 questions. **(b) (6)** Thanks, Jennifer

Subject: (b) (6)

Team, Just wanted to let you know that (b) (6)

Thanks, Ben

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Friday
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 10:26:21 PM

Perfect. Thanks so much Ben. I will share with Tas and we both plan to be present.

See you Friday.

Joyce

From: "Fry, Ben (Perdue)" <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 5:21:46 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Friday

I should have mentioned- if asked I am calling them 9 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:15 PM.

From: Fry, Ben (Perdue)
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 5:19 PM
To: 'White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA' <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Friday

Joyce,

We've nailed down times! Please see below.

9 AM

Lewis Taylor Farms

(b) (6)

Tifton, GA

Farm tour and working breakfast with stakeholders

1:35 PM

Georgia Forestry Association

551 North Frontage Road

Forsyth, GA

Townhall with forestry stakeholders

3:20 PM

UGA Griffin Campus

1109 Experiment Street

Griffin, GA

Tour of turf building and seed bank

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks,

Ben

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 5:05:30 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Ben. I'll give him a call. Hope you are great.

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Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 3:28 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject:

Roy Campbell, Former Mayor of Thomasville, called our office here asking to talk to Secretary Perdue about rural internet access and how Thomasville's model could be an idea for the rest of Georgia. Told him I would give you the message since you're working on the issue for USDA here and you'd be the best person for him to talk to.

(b) (6) or **(b) (6)**.

Made no commitments other than I would pass the message along.

Thanks,

Ben

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue)
Subject: RE: GMA Spring Listening Session Schedule
Date: Friday, Apr 12, 2018 8:59:03 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Hey! I just wanted to thank you for this information I appreciate you thinking of us This is the sort of information sharing that will make us all stronger as we work together

I left Mayor Jewell a voicemail I m sure he ll call me back

Lastly, Terri Dann and I were talking She s been trying to get a box of peanuts to me for some time Martha was going to bring them to me one day when she was in Athens, but when she is in Athens, I m out around the state I m wondering if you could put a box in your trunk and I ll get them from you. **RD: (b)(6)** If it is too much of a hassle, that s okay The USDA doesn t get any perks like drinks or peanuts I like to put something out for guests when they come for meetings

Hope you are great Talk to you soon

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Subject: FW: GMA Spring Listening Session Schedule

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Link is to map and contact info for each staffer At bottom of email is schedule of meetings

Chris Perkins

From: White, Charles (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>; Torralba, Beatrice (Perdue) <Beatrice_Torralba@perdue.senate.gov>; Kelly, Colin (Perdue) <Colin_Kelly@perdue.senate.gov>; Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>; Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>; Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>; Tostensen, Sam (Perdue) <Sam_Tostensen@perdue.senate.gov>; Smith, Mark (Perdue) <Mark_Smith@perdue.senate.gov>; Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: GMA Spring Listening Session Schedule

Wanted to make sure everyone saw these meeting opportunities with GMA

Charles White
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Becky Taylor **(b)(6)** @gmanet.com>
Date: March 28, 2018 at 9:53:16 AM EDT
To: Amy Turner <amy_turner@isakson.senate.gov>; "jennifer_hayes@perdue.senate.gov" <jennifer_hayes@perdue.senate.gov>; "jody_redding@isakson.senate.gov" <jody_redding@isakson.senate.gov>; "Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>; "Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>; "Jud Seymour" <jud_seymour@mail.house.gov>; "kenneth_cutts@mail.house.gov" <kenneth_cutts@mail.house.gov>; Jessica Hayes <jessica_hayes@mail.house.gov>; "Jud Seymour" <jud_seymour@mail.house.gov>; "kenneth_cutts@mail.house.gov" <kenneth_cutts@mail.house.gov>; "James Ruvalcaba@mail.house.gov" <james_ruvalcaba@mail.house.gov>; "kathy_register@mail.house.gov" <kathy_register@mail.house.gov>; "michael_collins@mail.house.gov" <michael_collins@mail.house.gov>; "ashley_jenkins@mail.house.gov" <ashley_jenkins@mail.house.gov>; "debra_poirot@mail.house.gov" <debra_poirot@mail.house.gov>; "alice_johnson@mail.house.gov" <alice_johnson@mail.house.gov>; "joel_katz@mail.house.gov" <joel_katz@mail.house.gov>; "ben_stout@mail.house.gov" <ben_stout@mail.house.gov>; "mack_parnell@mail.house.gov" <mack_parnell@mail.house.gov>; "brinsley_thigpen@mail.house.gov" <brinsley_thigpen@mail.house.gov>; "chandra_harris@mail.house.gov" <chandra_harris@mail.house.gov>; "bud_whitmire@mail.house.gov" <bud_whitmire@mail.house.gov>; "ben_fry@mail.house.gov" <ben_fry@mail.house.gov>; "travis_loudermilk@mail.house.gov" <travis_loudermilk@mail.house.gov>; Jessica Hayes <jessica_hayes@mail.house.gov>; "alex_hil@mail.house.gov" <alex_hil@mail.house.gov>; Becky Taylor **(b)(6)** @gmanet.com>
Cc: District Representative <DistrictRepresentative@GMANET.com>
Subject: GMA Spring Listening Session Schedule

labeled by Congressional district, and the last tab includes newly elected officials If you need additional information, please let me know If your district is hosting mobile office hours, telephone or in-person town halls, or other events and you'd like GMA's assistance to get the word out to city officials, please let me know and we'll be glad to help

Thank you so much for the great work you do and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way

Becky

2018 Spring District Meetings

GMA District	GMA District Rep	Date	Time	Location	GR Staff	GMA Services Rep
1	Charlotte	4-Apr	11:30am - 1:30pm	Sweet P's at the Tavern and the address is 205 Central Avenue, Trion Georgia 30753	All	
5	James	5-Apr	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Ashford Manor Bed and Breakfast, 4 Harden Hill Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677	Charlotte	
6	Joel	5-Apr	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Municipal Complex, 300 E Church Street, Centerville GA 31028	Joel	
10	Erica	5-Apr	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 S Broad Street Bainbridge GA 39817	Justin	
3	Kay/Aileen	6-Apr	11:30am - 1:30pm	38 Hill Street, Room 220, Roswell, GA	Michael	
2	Chris	10-Apr	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Downtown, Clarksville, GA 30523	Joel	
2	Chris	11-Apr	11:30am - 1:30pm	Oakwood City Hall, 4035 Walnut Circle, Oakwood GA 30566	Tom	
4	Kelli	12-Apr	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Barnstormers Banquet Grill, 349 Jonathans Roost Road, Williamson, GA 30292	Charlotte	

9	Yalonde	12-Apr	6 00pm - 8:30pm	Durden Cabin - Partin Park, 168 Miot Drive, Lyons, GA 30436	Joel	
12	Janice/Imani	16-Apr	11:30am - 1:30pm	Chamber s Office; 1505 Richmond Street, 2 nd Floor Conf Rm, Brunswick, GA 31521	Justin	
8	Justin	17-Apr	6 00pm - 8:00pm	Rees Park Economic Development Center located at 409 Elm Avenue, Americus, Georgia	Justin	
12	Janice/Imani	17-Apr	11:30am - 1:00pm	Old School Cafeteria, 202 5th Street, Tybee GA	Michael	
3	Kay/Aileen	18-Apr	11:30am - 1:30 pm	7210 Church Street, Riverdale 30274	Tom	
11	Michael	18-Apr	11:30am - 1:30pm	Homerville Depot, 40 E Plant Ave, Homerville, GA 31634	Michael	
7	Holger	19-Apr	6 00pm - 8:00pm	Thomson Depot, 111 Railroad St, Thomson, GA	Charlotte	

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To: (b) [@carrollcountyga.com](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: USDA, Rural Development, State of Georgia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:39:54 AM
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Hi Lee:

Chris Perkins asked if I would get in touch with you. I left a voicemail on your phone, but maybe e-mail works best. I am traveling a great deal this week.

I'm hoping we can partner together in some way that benefits Carroll County.

Please either give me a call or e-mail me back when time permits, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Many thanks,

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To: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Tallulah River/Tate City Road
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:37:59 AM

Great. Thx

From: "Seaver, Andrew (Perdue)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:37:24 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Anytime between 3 and 4p, I should be free. Andrew (b) (6))

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:31 AM
To: Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Hey Andrew. I am not sure what the issue is. I would like to talk will with you and will have time between 1:00 and 4:00 today. Do you have any time today to talk?

From: "Seaver, Andrew (Perdue)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 8:54:03 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Hey Joyce, Happy Tuesday. Hope your week has started well. I know we have been playing phone tag for a couple weeks, but I wanted to follow up and see if you had any update on Tate City Rd. in Towns? Will be following up w/ Commissioner Bradshaw sometime this week, and I wanted to check w/you before I did. Thanks again for all the help! Best, Andrew

Regional Representative
 Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)

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Sent from iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 1:23 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Andrew. I'll call you soon. I'm at a ribbon cutting in South Georgia. We'll talk soon.

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Seaver, Andrew (Perdue)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 at 12:58:09 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Hey Joyce, Hope you had a good weekend! Here is the letter from Commissioner Bradshaw that I spoke about Friday (on your voicemail). Give me a call when you get a chance. (b) (6). Andrew

From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Please find a letter Commissioner Bradshaw has written to Senator Perdue concerning the Forest Service owned Road in the

Tate City Community. Please let the commissioner know if the senator needs any further information or has any questions.

His cell number is (b) (6) and his office number is (b) (6).

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Thank you,

Andrea Anderson

Finance Director

Towns County

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To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:21:41 PM
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You know where I am if you need me. We just have a lot of money right now for any sort of water or sewer project. Let me know if you know of an area that may be planning a water project.

Take care.

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Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:16 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 6:05 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>; Seaver, Andrew (Perdue) <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>; mark_smith@perdue.senate.gov; Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>; Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>; Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>; White, Charles (Perdue) <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>; Tostensen, Sam (Perdue) <Sam_Tostensen@perdue.senate.gov>
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Subject: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Importance: High

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See the official news release below.

Thanks and see you soon!

**Joyce White
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Thank you Kathy. Hope you are doing great.

Hope to see you soon!

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Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:47 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Hi Joyce,

Thank you so much for letting us know about this important information. I will make constituents in my region aware of this available funding and will be sure to include it in all of my conversations when visiting my counties, the majority which are rural.

Hope to see you soon.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Date: 8/1/18 6:05 PM (GMT-05:00)

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Hi Chris: Dawn Pilgrim from my office has reached out to Dr. Morris a couple of times via phone, but had to leave VM. So she sent the attached. I just wanted you to know we have tried to reach her. Hope you are great.

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From: Pilgrim, Dawn - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:32 AM
To: **(b) (6)** @avpride.com
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA Funding

Hello Dr. Morris,

Mr. Chris Perkins from Senator David Perdue's office provided us with your contact information and asked that we reach out to you regarding how Rural Development can help address opioid misuse in rural communities. USDA is committed to partnering with rural communities to provide local solutions to the opioid crisis.

I have attached some resource information that you may find useful. Please take a look at it and feel free to give me a call if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss in more detail.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Dawn Pilgrim

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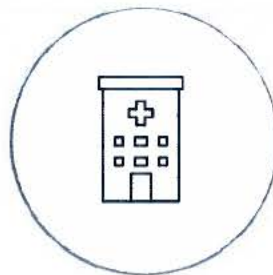


Rural Development can help address opioid misuse in rural communities with funding for:



EQUIPMENT

- Medical Equipment
- Safety Equipment
- Ambulances and Equipment
- Police Vehicles and Equipment
- Fire Trucks
- Equipment for Telemedicine and Distance Learning



FACILITIES

- Hospitals
- Mobile Treatment Clinics
- Residential Facilities (temporary)
- Outpatient Clinics
- Treatment Clinics
- Child Care Centers
- Community Centers
- Halfway Housing
- Transitional Housing
- Educational Institutions
- Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC)



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- Strategic Planning
- Community Planning

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Resources for Substance Use Disorder (including Opioid Misuse) Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Need	Program	How it Helps	Uses	Who Can Apply?	Terms/ Conditions	Contact Us GEORGIA
Prevention/ Treatment Programs and Education	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Programs	Helps schools, Institutes of Higher Learning, Healthcare organizations, libraries and more provide prevention and/or treatment and counseling programs, and connect with resources across the country for curricula and workshops.	Development of advanced telecommunication equipment for classrooms: cameras, video monitors computers and LAN.	An incorporated entity, including a municipal corporation on a for- profit or not for profit basis, which operates rural schools, libraries, health care clinics, and other organizations that operate educational or health care facilities.	Matching funds are required. Priority given to projects that address the opioid epidemic.	Andy Hayes Telecommunications General Field Representative Phone: (770) 312-7073 andrew.hayes@wdc.usda.gov
Police, Law Enforcement, First- Responders, Equipment	Community Facility Direct Loans, Loan Guarantees and Grants	Helps communities respond to opioid abuse through funding emergency and law enforcement buildings and equipment.	This Program can finance the expansion, renovation, or construction of police stations, courthouses, prisons, fire stations, help purchase police vehicles, ambulances, and fund first-responder equipment and gear.	Towns, Municipalities, Public Bodies, Non-profit Organizations, Hospitals, Clinics, Healthcare organizations, Native American Tribes.	Up to 100% of market value. Up to 40 years or life of security. For Guarantees apply through local lender. For Community Facilities Grant \$5 million is available for opioid related projects.	Jack Stanek Community Programs Director Phone: (706) 546-2171 jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov
Hospitals, Emergency Rooms, Healthcare Infrastructure and Equipment	Community Facility Direct Loans, Loan Guarantees and Grants	This Program can assist hospitals, healthcare providers and clinics meet the demand for opioid- related emergency room visits, treatment, and more	Through this Program, hospitals can construct or add onto Emergency Departments, Hospitals, Healthcare Clinics, construct additional rooms dedicated to opioid treatment, fund necessary healthcare equipment and more.	Towns, Municipalities, Public Bodies, Non-profit Organizations, Hospitals, Clinics, Healthcare organizations, Native American Tribes.	Up to 100% of market value. Up to 40 years or life of security. For Guarantees apply through local lender. For Community Facilities Grant \$5 million is available for opioid related projects.	Jack Stanek Community Programs Director Phone: (706) 546-2171 jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov
Shelters, Treatment Centers, Transportation, and Transitional Housing	Community Facility Direct Loans, Loan Guarantees and Grants	Rural Development can fund homeless shelters, treatment centers, transportation transitional housing	Through this program eligible organizations can construct a new facility or renovation, expand, or improve an existing structure or purchase equipment.	Towns, Municipalities, Public Bodies, Non-profit Organizations, Hospitals, Clinics, Healthcare organizations, Native American Tribes.	Up to 100% of market value. Up to 40 years or life of security. For Guarantees apply through local lender. For Community Facilities Grant \$5 million is available for opioid related projects.	Jack Stanek Community Programs Director Phone: (706) 546-2171 jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov

Need	Program	How it Helps	Uses	Who Can Apply?	Terms/ Conditions	Contact Us
Community Planning	Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant	Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs such as treatment facilities, shelters, and more.	Funds can be used to prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance or prepare applications for related Agency funding.	Towns, Municipalities, Public Bodies, Non-profit Organizations, Hospitals, Clinics, Healthcare organizations, Native American Tribes.	Matching funds are not required but preference is giving to applications with cash matching funds.	Jack Stanek Community Programs Director Phone: (706) 546-2171 jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov
Training and Technical Assistance	Rural Community Development Initiative	Funds can be used to improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.	This Program can be used for training purposes: strategic plan development, creating training tools, providing technical and financial assistance for programs to help adults pursue employment, education, and other uses.	Towns, Municipalities, Public Bodies, Non-profit organizations Qualified Private (for-profit) Organization, Native American Tribes.	Matching fund requirement equal to amount of grant. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private and nonprofit entities are encouraged.	Jack Stanek Community Programs Director Phone: (706) 546-2171 jack.stanek@ga.usda.gov
Economic Development and Workforce Development	Rural Business Development Grant	Overall economic development, workforce development and job creation are key.	Fund employment-related adult education programs, acquisition or development of land, easements, construction, conversion, renovation of buildings; community economic development.	Towns, State agencies Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of higher education Federally-recognized Tribes.	Applicants with a match will score higher.	Toni Grimes Business & Cooperative Programs Specialist Phone: (706) 552-2561 toni.grimes@ga.usda.gov
Construct Affordable Housing	Rural Rental Housing Direct and Guaranteed Loans	Communities with affordable housing solutions in place can help reduce homelessness.	Funds can be used to construct a Rural Rental Housing apartment building.	Individuals, limit profit and non-profit organizations can apply for funds to construct apartment buildings.	Up to 100% of total development cost (non-profits); 97% (for profit) 30-year term with up to 50-year amortization. 95% of total development costs (for profit organizations) with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.	Eric Hixson Multi-Family Housing Programs Director Phone: (706) 552-2576 eric.hixson@ga.usda.gov
A Place to Live: Affordable Rental Housing	Rural Rental Housing Program (rental units)	Having an affordable quality place to call home is an important part of recovery.	Individuals and Families: Locate affordable rental housing in rural Maine communities. Rental assistance may be provided to help with rent.	Low and very low income families, elderly and disabled can be tenants.	Rental subsidy is based on income. To find an apartment visit: https://rdmfrentals.sc.gov	Eric Hixson Multi-Family Housing Programs Director Phone: (706) 552-2576 eric.hixson@ga.usda.gov
A Place to Live: Homeownership (Low Income)	Single-Family Housing Direct Program	Having an affordable quality place to call home is an important part of recovery.	Loans may be made to purchase new or existing homes.	Low and very low income families.	Up to 100% of market value or cost, whichever is less. Applicant may be eligible for payment assistance (subsidy) on the loan.	Ed Peace Housing Programs Director Phone: (706) 552-2593 ed.peace@ga.usda.gov
A Place to Live: Homeownership (Moderate Income)	Single-Family Housing Guaranteed Program	Having an affordable quality place to call home is an important part of recovery.	Purchase, build, improve, repair or rehabilitate a rural home as a permanent residence.	Moderate income families or individuals based on income.	30 year, fixed rate. Interest rate negotiated between lender and borrower. Loans to 100 % of market value, plus guarantee fee if financed.	Ed Peace Housing Programs Director Phone: (706) 552-2593 ed.peace@ga.usda.gov

Federal Resources for Rural Communities to Help Address Substance Use Disorder and Opioid Misuse



Office of National Drug Control Policy U.S. Department of Agriculture

October 2018

Document can be located at: www.rd.usda.gov/files/RuralResourceGuide.pdf

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: martha_zoller@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Civil Rights Realignment Teleconference
Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 9:57:36 PM

Dang it. The DC office has scheduled a conference call for tomorrow at 1:00 to 2:00. I just received the invite this evening. I'll have to try for lunch another day that you are in Athens. Forgive me. I know you understand better than anyone, but I was looking forward to catching up face to face. Maybe next week will work.

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 9:33 PM
To: Adams, Bertina - RD, Washington, DC
Subject: Accepted: Civil Rights Realignment Teleconference
When: Thursday, January 4, 2018 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 1-800-981-3173 Code: **(b) (6)**

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 12:30:29 PM
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I know we have done a great deal of work with Lincoln County, so we shall see if they are eligible. Different loans have different criteria that play into the eligibility formula. I will check on this zip code.

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Let me check on 30817 regarding a water, waste or sewer project.

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From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) [mailto:Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 11:31 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Thank you so much! (b) (6) ☺

30817 is Lincoln County's zip code. I'm not sure they have 10k people

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Fantastic! Thanks.

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Let us know if we can help with Lincoln County. One piece of criteria is that the population for a rural community has to be 10,000. If we know the zip code, we can figure eligibility out. I'm copying my assistant, Jacqueline "Lea" Taylor so she can help if you are trying to figure out if the area is eligible.

Talk to you soon.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:22 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Hey Joyce!!
 It is so great to hear from you! Thank you so much for sharing this information!
 I actually had a conversation with Lincoln county about their needs a few months ago. I will circle back with them.
 Thank you so much!
 (b) (6) We miss you!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Date: 8/1/18 6:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
 To: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>, "Seaver, Andrew (Perdue)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>, mark_smith@perdue.senate.gov, "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)" <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>, "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>, "Perkins, Chris (Perdue)" <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>, "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>, "Tostensen, Sam (Perdue)" <Sam_Tostensen@perdue.senate.gov>
 Cc: "Fry, Ben (Perdue)" <Ben_Fry@perdue.senate.gov>, "Zoller, Martha (Perdue)" <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>
 Subject: URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT RURAL WATER NEEDS AND FUNDING AVAILABLE

Hello to my friends and fellow colleagues who are serving Georgia.

I love the fact that we still get to work together in helping Georgia. With that said, I wanted to make you aware of funding available to help rural areas with water and waste, sewer and clean water systems.

USDA Rural Development currently has \$4 billion available for water and

sewer projects and we want to make sure Georgia's rural water system needs are met.

I know you know your communities and therefore you may be aware of water and sewer needs for a particular area. If that area is located in rural Georgia, we want to help you help your communities.

The Georgian Municipal Association, in its [Capital Needs of Georgia Cities, 2018-2022](#), reports \$3.6 billion in projected statewide water & sewer capital needs over the next 5 years (excluding Atlanta).

When meeting with your local officials and leadership in your designated districts, please let them know there is funding available to help them with water system needs. If you already know of a project that needs to be done, please let me know by responding to this e-mail and we will have a USDA area director get in touch with whomever you designate as a proper contact.

See the official news release below.

Thanks and see you soon!

Joyce White
State Director, USDA Rural Development
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An Urgent Announcement from USDA

Apply Now: More Than \$4 Billion in Loans Available for Rural Water Infrastructure Projects

Not long ago, the United States was a world leader in infrastructure investments. Federal and private funding helped even the most remote communities obtain electricity, running water and access to the rest of the world through telecommunications.

However, recent years have not followed the same trend, and too many rural communities have been left behind. The need for improvement is great, especially for rural water and wastewater systems.

To put this in perspective, the American Water Works Association estimates that more than \$600 billion is needed over the next 20 years to upgrade our nation's water and wastewater systems. To bring it closer to home, the Georgian Municipal Association, in its [Capital Needs of Georgia Cities, 2018-2022](#), reports \$3.6 billion in projected statewide water & sewer capital needs over the next 5 years (excluding Atlanta).

Fortunately, for small and rural water systems in towns with populations of 10,000 or less, Rural Development has a source of affordable financing. There is hope for the future. This year, USDA Rural Development has **more than \$4 billion** in direct loans available now to help rural communities build or upgrade water infrastructure. This is a substantial increase from last year. In 2017, USDA helped more than 2.5 million rural residents get access to upgraded water and wastewater systems. I am excited to see how many more people we can help with this unprecedented funding opportunity.

I encourage rural community leaders and water district operators to apply now for this assistance before the Sept. 30 deadline. USDA [state and field offices](#) are great resources to use during the application process, and we have technical assistance providers with water and waste expertise that can help complete rural communities' applications.

USDA's support for rural water infrastructure is already making a big impact here in Georgia. We [recently announced](#) \$14 million funding for projects in Woodbury, Harlem and Hogansville and additional water and sewer loans and grants are in the final stages of underwriting for other rural communities.

Water districts and rural communities can apply for USDA loans electronically using the interactive RDApply tool on the USDA Rural Development website (rd.usda.gov). Also, USDA state and field offices are great resources to use during the application process. The Georgia Rural Development office locations and contact information can be found at our website <https://www.rd.usda.gov/ga>.

USDA is eager to partner with you in this effort to modernize water infrastructure in our state's rural communities.

Joyce White, Director, USDA Rural Development Georgia

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Hello!
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:14:56 AM

Thanks Kathy! So good to hear you thought his project was interesting. I have spoken to him numerous times and he is interesting for sure. I like him over the phone.

The President of Andrew College is a go getter. I like her. I'm trying to get my schedule situated so I can travel to these places and meet these folks but right now I have a big project due to the White House on Feb 16. I have to get on it!

Glad our paths will continue to cross and we, in a way, are still working together!

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See you soon.

Joyce

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 From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
 Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 8:55:41 AM
 To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 Subject: Hello!

>
 > Hi Joyce,
 >
 > I hope you are doing well and enjoying your new position.
 >
 > I visited with Greg Turton in Cordele on Tuesday and he is excited about your visit on Friday. The service he provides is interesting and addresses the issue of high speed internet which is so needed in rural Georgia.
 >
 > Yesterday at our Mobile Office Hours in Cuthbert, the President of Andrew College attended and followed up in an email that she would like for me to return to tour the campus with, Joyce White from the USDA! It would be wonderful to be able to see you there!
 >
 > Safe travels and I hope to see you soon.
 >
 > Best to you
 > Kathy
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> Kathy Burns
> Regional Representative
> Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue
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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ballantyne, Jonathon \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Tour Request - RD: (b)(6)
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017 7:17:31 PM

Thanks! They are really good people.

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From: "Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue)" <Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:05:29 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Tour Request - RD: (b)(6)

Will do!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:00 PM
To: Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue) <Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tour Request - RD: (b)(6)

Hi Jonathon: I hope you are doing great.

I'm still getting requests, of course, for items I helped with when I was with Senator Perdue.

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 [Redacted] Can you please call her and help her? Thanks for what you do.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Baska, Sarah \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: USDA Grant help
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:44:02 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Hey Sarah! So good to hear from you!! I have not heard of the changes, (b) (6) I also knew things would change as we gear up for re-election. I hope this round of changes brings you something good!

I am going to ask either a Toni Grimes or Karen Davis to reach out to Katheryne to offer help. We also have an personnel in an office in Barnesville that I can ask to meet with her, but know I will get someone to help her. Let me know if you hear that this has not happened.

I see the Senator has been in the State some lately. Hopefully I will see him and some of the team somewhere soon.

Miss you,
 Joyce

From: "Baska, Sarah (Perdue)" <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10:32:02 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: USDA Grant help

Hey Joyce,
 Hope all is well on your end. I've been missing you! I'm sure you've heard, but we've got another round of changes here in the state office.

I have a favor to ask. I was able to help Katheryne with her SAMS login issue, but she still has some questions regarding the application for a block grant that I just don't have the answers to.

Could you steer me to the right person at USDA RD for her to contact or have them reach out to Katheryne directly? An guidance you could give would be very much appreciated.

Thank you!

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From: "Fields, Katheryne" <Katheryne.Fields@sctech.edu>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:04:47 AM EDT
To: "sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov" <sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: USDA Grant help

Sarah,

I am having a lot of frustrations trying to apply for the 2019 USDA RBDG grant. Is that something you can assist me with?

First, I have been unsuccessful in attempting to logon to sam.gov and I cannot get a 2019 grant application. I have a 2018.

At any rate, I know it is due this month and have a project I'd like to submit. The overwhelming amount of paper work is intimidating and I don't have a clue how to answer some of the forms. Please advise.



Katheryne A. Fields

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Hey Kathy: Sorry it was taking me a little time, but I was traveling and also it took me a little while to find this. It was on our website. See if this works for Mr. Harris. Thanks.

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Just letting you know, I have e-mailed Mayor Jewell. We'll see if he writes or calls me back.

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To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Mayor of Grantville

Mayor Doug Jewell
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 123 LaGrange St
 PO Box 160
 Grantville, GA 30220

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To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:26 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Mayor of Grantville

Joyce,

Good talking to you tonight. Catch up with you soon.

Mayor Doug Jewel
770-583-2289 (O)
(b) (6) (C)
123 LaGrange St
PO Box 160
Grantville, GA 30220

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Baska, Sarah \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: USDA Grant help
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:47:56 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image007.png](#)

Also, I should have told you all of our staff are in a mandatory EEOC training today so it may be tomorrow before someone calls Katheryne.

From: "Baska, Sarah (Perdue)" <Sarah_Baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10:32:02 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Fwd: USDA Grant help

Hey Joyce,

Hope all is well on your end. I've been missing you! I'm sure you've heard, but we've got another round of changes here in the state office.

I have a favor to ask. I was able to help Katheryne with her SAMS login issue, but she still has some questions regarding the application for a block grant that I just don't have the answers to.

Could you steer me to the right person at USDA RD for her to contact or have them reach out to Katheryne directly? An guidance you could give would be very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fields, Katheryne" <Katheryne.Fields@sctech.edu>
Date: March 13, 2019 at 10:04:47 AM EDT
To: "sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov" <sarah_baska@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: USDA Grant help

Sarah,

I am having a lot of frustrations trying to apply for the 2019 USDA RBDG grant. Is that something you can assist me with?

First, I have been unsuccessful in attempting to logon to sam.gov and I cannot get a 2019 grant application. I have a 2018.

At any rate, I know it is due this month and have a project I'd like to submit. The

overwhelming amount of paper work is intimidating and I don't have a clue how to answer some of the forms. Please advise.



Katheryne A. Fields

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ballantyne, Jonathon \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: T. J. McGinnis
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018 3:31:46 PM

Thanks!

Joyce White
State Director, Georgia
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Athens, GA 30601
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From: Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue) [mailto:Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:59 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: T. J. McGinnis

Hey Joyce,

I hope all is well with you too. I will give him a call later today to see what I can do for him.

Best,

Jonathon

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Ballantyne, Jonathon (Perdue) <Jonathon_Ballantyne@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: T. J. McGinnis

Hi Jonathon: Hope you are great.

I still have people coming to me with requests and this will continue I'm sure – even though I'm working for Sec. Sonny Perdue. These folks don't understand sometimes the difference between DAP and the Secretary.

(b) (6)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

(b) (6)
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

His phone number is RD: (b)(6).

Can you please call him and help him? He's a great guy. I think he RD: (b)(6).

Thanks for your help.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Rural Dev & Grants
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:21:55 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Chris. I appreciate you helping us get the word out. I'll probably call them myself and then when I know a specific need, I can get a specialist to call each of them. Thanks!

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:49 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Rural Dev & Grants

Joyce,

I met this week with 2 board members and the executive director of the Heard County Development Authority. I told them about you and the work being done at USDA for rural counties. They would like to speak to someone in your office about it.

Kathy Knowles

Executive Director

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706-675-0554 Office

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: martha_zoller@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Rayonier Advanced Materials/Tembec transaction complete
Date: Monday, November 20, 2017 12:09:14 PM
Attachments: [Press Release-Official.pdf](#) "Rayonier Advanced Materials Completes Acquisition of Tembec" available online: <https://www.businesswire.com>

Hey Martha. Charlie Hood (b) (6). He is VP Gov't Affairs for Rayonier. He asked me for your email and I gave it to him and I gave him what I anticipate Ben Fry's e-mail being. Please see their announcement.

See you soon
Joyce

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Charles Hood" (b) (6) <[@rayonieram.com](mailto:(b) (6)@rayonieram.com)>
Date: Monday, November 20, 2017 at 9:54:34 AM
To: "Charles Hood" <(b) (6) <[@rayonieram.com](mailto:(b) (6)@rayonieram.com)>
Subject: Fw: Rayonier Advanced Materials/Tembec transaction complete

From: Charles Hood
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 9:50 AM
Subject: Fw: Rayonier Advanced Materials/Tembec transaction complete

resending. Hope all is well!

From: Charles Hood
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 8:42 AM
To: Charles Hood
Subject: Rayonier Advanced Materials/Tembec transaction complete

I wanted you to know that that the transaction between Rayonier Advanced Materials and Tembec has been completed! We are obviously excited about the future of the combination of these two great companies. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have. Have a great Thanksgiving!

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: (b) (6) Tracey (No last name identified)
Cc: [Taylor, Jacqueline - RD, Athens, GA](#); [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: USDA State Director, Rural Development, for Georgia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:37:37 AM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

Hi Tracey: I worked with Chris Perkins with Senator David Perdue's office, and Chris let me know that you may be interested in speaking with me. I left a message on your cell.

I'm happy to talk with you and I hope we can partner together in some way.

I'll be traveling a great deal this week, but my phone numbers are listed below. If I can't answer when you call, please leave a message, and I will get back with you.

Many thanks,

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:47:33 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

I called and her voice mail was full. I will call or email again. Thanks for following up bc I have been trying to find this email with her contact info.
 I did reach the sheriff (Mike Yeager) to offer him help. He said he did not feel that opioids were that bad in the county but I was offering help.

I'm will call her tomorrow.

Thanks!
 Joyce

From: "Perkins, Chris (Perdue)" <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 4:59:06 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Opioid Grants

Did you get a chance to speak with Mary Norman? I am attending a meeting of hers next week.

Chris Perkins

From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 11:30 AM
To: 'White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA' <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Thanks Joyce!

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [<mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Hey Chris: I just got in late last night from a conference, but I'll give her a call for sure.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [mailto:Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 5:24 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Opioid Grants

Joyce,

Just spoke with a women that works on the Opioid crisis in Coweta County. Could you contact her and see if USDA can give them any help?

Mary Norman

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: chris.perkins@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Peanuts
Date: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:08:08 AM
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)
[image013.png](#)
[image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)

> Chris: Do you have any peanuts? If so, are you around Stockbridge tomorrow (Friday)? I am hosting all the White House Appointees next week. They are coming from all over to Georgia and so I'm needing to provide snacks.

Thanks

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 > From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
 > Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:38 AM
 > To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
 > Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
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 > Yes, Chris. Thank you. I'll have Dawn Pilgrim call. She is my lead on opioids.
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 > JOYCE WHITE
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> From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
 > Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:32 PM
 > To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
 > Subject: Opioid Grants

> Joyce,

> I met someone the other day that is interested in speaking with someone at USDA about Opioid Grants. The organization is called AVPride and they have a new executive director. I referred them to your office before but with the old leadership. Could you have someone reach out to them?

> Dr. Tami Morris

> (b) (6) Office

> (b) (6) Cell

> (b) (6) [@avpride.com](mailto:(b) (6)@avpride.com)

> Sincerely,

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From: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#); [Bridgforth, Turner - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Request: GA State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development--(b) (6)
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:46:56 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce. You can send them to Turner, copied here and he will capture the info!

From: White, Joyce (Perdue) [mailto:Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Request: GA State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development--RD: (b)(6)

Great to see you yesterday. Jeff and I appreciated the hospitality and just to see you for a bit.

How do you want us to handle resumes of people wanting a job with USDA within the state? (b) (6)

Thanks,
Joyce

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:31 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Zoller, Martha (Perdue) <Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Request: GA State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development--(b) (6)

Joyce,
Late on Wednesday, (b) (6)

See attached resume.

(b) (6) sent the below e-mail with attached resume to our Team (Blake &

Isabelle) on January 26th. I asked her to resend it to me and I sent her the below acknowledgement of receipt, telling her I'd forward to you and you'd forward to Derrick, who's in-contact with the President Trump Administration—the standard response for all applicants.

Current Status: (b) (6)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Also, (b) (6) is requesting a “brief” meeting with the Senator and/or the appropriate staff on Wednesday afternoon (Mar 29th) or sometime Thursday (March 30th). The attached e-mail has the background information on her “recent” request with our office and the other GA Congressional Offices as well.

Of course, after I received that, I sent her the scheduling request form and; then, I called her to get some greater insight into her intent, purpose and prior actions regarding these asks from her.

Greg

BB: (b) (6)

IPhone: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:55 PM

To: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: FW: Georgia State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:15 AM

To: 'Blake_Raulerson@perdue.senate.gov' <Blake_Raulerson@perdue.senate.gov>;

'isabelle_isakson@perdue.senate.gov' <isabelle_isakson@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Georgia State Director Appointment USDA, Rural Development

Good Morning,

First I want to thank you and all of Senator Perdue's staff for your gracious hospitality and for what I am sure amounted to many hours of hard work in preparation for President Trump's inauguration. (b) (6)

(b) (6) It was one of the more memorable experiences of my life. Please extend my thanks and gratitude to Senator Perdue.

I am in hopes that you will pass this email and attachments on to Senator Perdue for his consideration. I am interested in filling the now vacant position of State Director with USDA, Rural Development in Georgia. The attached information was submitted through Trump's Presidential Transition website a few weeks ago. Since then, I have made quite a few contacts in hopes that I might be able to receive favorable approval for appointment to this position. (b) (6)

RD: (b)(6)

I don't have the tally for FY 2016 yet, but in FY 2015, Georgia USDA, Rural Development invested \$30.84 million in Georgia's rural businesses, \$538.48 million in loans and grants to build, repair, and purchase homes, \$46.7 million in expanding, purchasing and supporting the development of police and emergency fire stations, equipment, libraries, child care centers, hospitals, clinics and schools and \$302 million for infrastructure projects to provide clean drinking water, waste treatment systems, electric power and telecommunications in rural communities in Georgia. We do a lot of good things for rural Georgia. I want to be a part of continuing this effort. I am proud of the difference that Georgia Rural Development makes in the lives of rural Georgia citizens.

RD: (b)(6)

(b) (6) I think I have the whole rural Georgia "thing" down. Rural Development, through loans, grants and technical assistance, helps with most anything it takes to keep communities in rural America sustainable communities. It is a great agency and one that I am not quite

ready to leave. (b) (6)

If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at RD: (b)(6) or email
RD: (b)(6) or (b) (6)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Subject: Health Issues for (b) (6)
Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:14:44 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Greg. (b) (6)

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From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue) <Greg_Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 12:00 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: FYI: Subject: Health Issues for (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Health Issues for (b) (6)

Just got an update from (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6) contact info:

Cell Phone: (b) (6)

Home Phone: (b) (6)

(b) (6) contact info:

(b) (6)

Mobile: (b) (6)

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Help With Opioid Epidemic in Coweta
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:16:55 AM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
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I sent Mary the below early this morning. FYI

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:44 AM
To: **(b) (6)**
Subject: Help With Opioid Epidemic in Coweta

Mary Norman

Hi Mary: Chris Perkins with Senator Perdue's office had contacted me asking if I knew of any help for Coweta County in dealing with opioids.

I had tried to call you that very day (this was probably 2 to 3 weeks ago) but your voicemail was full. Then I lost the e-mail in all of my e-mails and could not remember who had sent me the request for help. So, I am just getting back to you again to see how we can help.

We do have monies for not-for-profit entities and local law enforcement and hospitals or recovery centers that are helping to battle this epidemic.

We would have to make sure the area of need is a rural area. This is normally determined by population. We have people who can help.

Let me know what your needs are and we'll see where we can help.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Farm Bill Listening Session
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:20:19 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Can you please send to me the details of the FB listening session you are planning for April 27? Who can attend? Where, what time? Who is speaking? Thanks.

Hope you are great.

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Kaye, Charlotte \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Secretary Kemp
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 4:02:52 PM

That is so nice of him and very thoughtful of you to make sure I received it. I'm am grateful. Would you do me one more favor and Mail the original to me at

RD: (b)(6)

I appreciate it. Hope you are having fun.

Joyce

Sent from Email+ secured by MobileIron

From: "Kaye, Charlotte (Perdue)" <Charlotte_Kaye@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 3:32:54 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Letter from Secretary Kemp

Hi Joyce,

I hope you're doing great and adjusting to your new role! Secretary Kemp sent a congratulatory letter to the DC office for you (attached), and I wanted to make sure that you got it! What is a good address for me to send it to you?

Best,



Charlotte Kaye
 Legislative Correspondent

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I want to connect you with Emma Johnston, (b) (6) who recently started working in Senator Perdue's office. She is interested in a few topics that you cover, particularly food safety, and I think it would be great for you to find a time to chat!

Thanks!!

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: FSA Administrator Fordyce in Georgia Next Week
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:47:52 PM

Thanks Charles!

From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 5:31:29 PM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel.Hale@perdue.senate.gov>, "Tostensen, Sam (Perdue)" <Sam.Tostensen@perdue.senate.gov>, "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer.Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FSA Administrator Fordyce in Georgia Next Week

Thanks Tas!

Looping in Jennifer and Sam in case they want to join y'all on Wednesday.

Charles White

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Date: September 13, 2018 at 4:43:55 PM EDT
To: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>, "daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov" <daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FSA Administrator Fordyce in Georgia Next Week

Charles and Daniel,

Just wanted to give you a heads up that FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce will be in Georgia next week.

Attached is an agenda for his visits with me on Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday afternoon is in flux....because of a possible dinner with the peanut shellers in Americus that evening.

We would welcome your attendance on any portion of the trip. I know Richard would appreciate greetings on behalf of Senator Perdue. Will send you another agenda when

Thursday afternoon is more finalized.

Thank you.

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Subject: UGA/FSA Producer Meetings Flyer
Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:33:47 PM
Attachments: [Producer Meetings Flyer.pdf](#)

Attached is a flyer announcing UGA Extension and Farm Service Agency producer meetings outlining provisions in the Wildfire Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP), Seed Cotton, and the Market Facilitation Program (MFP).

Please feel free to distribute this meeting announcement as you see fit.
If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you.

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Several Meeting
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Producer Meetings

Meeting Discussions:

- Market Facilitation Program (MFP)
- Seed Cotton: Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs (ARC/PLC)
- Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program (WHIP)

Date	Time	Address & Phone Number
9/10/18	9:00-10:30AM	Bainbridge: Extension Office 1300 E. River Road Bainbridge, GA 39817
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9/11/18	9:00-10:30AM	Statesboro: Extension Office 151 Langston Chapel Road Statesboro, GA 30458
9/11/18	3:00-4:30PM	Tifton: UGA Tifton Campus 15 RDC Road Tifton, GA 31794
9/12/18	9:00-10:30AM	Cartersville: Stiles Auditorium 320 West Cherokee Avenue Cartersville, GA 30120
9/12/18	3:00-4:30PM	Watkinsville: Jay Phil Campbell Building 1420 Experiment Station Road Watkinsville, GA 30677

From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA](#); [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: FY19 RD Operations under a CR
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018 2:55:18 PM
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Here is Joby Young's answer back to Michael Reed of Sanford Bishop's Office.

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Subject: RE: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Thanks.

M

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 11:19 AM
To: Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: RE: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Hi Michael,

Short answer is that program funding continues in a different manner. The typical allocation process to states must be altered because of budget restrictions of a CR.

CF direct loan funds will be held in the National Office reserve, and made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Then will be applied against a state's annual allocation once there is full-year funding. CF grant funds will be held at the national office because the amounts are very small and require budget authority, which could change.



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From: Reed, Michael <Michael.Reed@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:53 PM

To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>; Fryer, Paul <Paul.Fryer@mail.house.gov>; Cutts, Kenneth <Kenneth.Cutts@mail.house.gov>

Subject: FY19 RD Operations under a CR

Joby:

It's my understanding that we have a few pending grant/loan applications pending in GA, which have now been delayed/not finalized because of a lack of available FY18 funds (includes another police car situation in Leary for \$35K+/-, which has been in the hoppy for months).

Question: When we start the new fiscal year under a Continuing Resolution (we're told the President will sign in the next couple days), will State RD offices received any new FY19 funding in the first quarter or, would the Department/Agency wait till the full FY19 Ag Appropriations bill is passed, presumably in Dec. to begin providing FY19 program funding? The CR expires December 7, 2018. I would assume GA is not the only state where an infusion of FY19 funds come October 1 is desperately needed.

Thanks and hope all is well.

M

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From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Senate Small Business Hearing on Ag
Date: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:08:57 PM

No prob.



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From: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) [mailto:PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Small Business Hearing on Ag

Yep. I thought about that right after I sent it to him.

On Aug 4, 2017, at 3:05 PM, Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Feel free to point folks in our direction in the future. Thanks man and have a great weekend.

Joby Young

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From: Gordon, Julie - OSEC
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC <Abbey.L.Fretz@aphis.usda.gov>; Crandall, Doug - OSEC, Washington, DC <Doug.Crandall@osec.usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Sindall, David - OSEC <David.Sindall@osec.usda.gov>; Howerton, Jacqueline - OSEC <Jacqueline.Howerton@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Senate Small Business Hearing on Ag

Please handle.

Thank you!

Julie Gordon

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From: Leonard, Cassie (Kennedy) [mailto:Cassie_Leonard@kennedy.senate.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 9:24 AM

To: Gordon, Julie - OSEC <Julie.Gordon@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Senate Small Business Hearing on Ag

Hi Julie,

PJ Waldrop in Sen. Perdue's office shared your contact information with my office. I'm reaching out this morning because the Senate Small Business Committee is having a field hearing in Louisiana on August 24th. We are having a few small businesses in the sugar, rice, and seafood industries testify on the challenges they face as small business owners. Sen. Kennedy was hoping to get someone from USDA to testify on our government panel. I wasn't sure who to reach out to at USDA about this so if you could point me in the right direction I would really appreciate it.

Thanks so much!

Best,
Cassie

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Subject: FW: USDA Announces Plan to Protect SNAP Participants' Access to SNAP in February
Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 7:46:26 PM

Good evening – In case you missed it, below is the press release regarding USDA's plan under a lapse in appropriations to provide full benefits for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the month of February.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Evan

Evan B. Lee

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Header Press Release



(Washington, D.C., January 8, 2019) – At the direction of President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Sonny Perdue today announced a plan to ensure that low-income Americans have access to the nutrition they need, despite the inability of Congress to pass an appropriations bill that safely secures our borders. The plan provides full benefits for participants in USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for the month of February. When USDA's funding expired on December 21, 2018, SNAP benefits for January were fully funded. States have already received that money and have been distributing it to participants. Since the lapse in appropriations, USDA has been reviewing options available to the department for funding February benefits without an additional appropriation from Congress.

"At President Trump's direction, we have been working with the Administration on this solution. It works and is legally sound. And we want to assure states, and SNAP recipients, that the benefits for February will be provided," Perdue said. "Our motto here at USDA has been to 'Do Right and Feed Everyone.' With this solution, we've got the 'Feed Everyone' part handled. And I believe that the plan we've constructed takes care of the 'Do Right' part as well."

To protect SNAP participants' access for February, USDA is working with states to issue February benefits earlier than usual. USDA will rely on a provision of the just-expired Continuing Resolution (CR), which provides an appropriation for programs like SNAP and child Nutrition to incur obligations for program operations within 30 days of the CR's expiration. USDA will be reaching out to states to instruct them to request early issuance of SNAP benefits for February. States will have until January 20th to request and implement the early issuance. Once the early issuances are made, the February benefits will be made available to SNAP participants at that time. USDA has also ensured the other major nutrition assistance programs have sufficient funding to continue operations into February. The child nutrition programs, including school meals and after-school programs have funding available to continue operations through March. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has prior year funding which USDA will begin to provide states this week to facilitate February benefits. Other FNS programs, which provide critical assistance to our nation's food banks, the elderly, and Tribal nations, may continue to utilize grant funding provided prior to the lapse in appropriations. Commodity deliveries to those programs will continue.

Nutrition Assistance Programs under a Lapse in Appropriations **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

- **USDA will use the authority under the last Continuing Resolution to issue February benefits.** The Continuing Resolution that expired December 21, 2018 provided an appropriation for programs like SNAP and Child Nutrition to incur obligations for program operations during the 30 day-period following the expiration of the Act.
- **States will need to take action to issue February benefits on or before January 20, 2019.** We will be reaching out to States to instruct them to request early issuance of SNAP benefits for February. States will have until January 20 to implement this early issuance.
- **Once these early issuances are made, the February benefits will be made available to SNAP participants at that time.** SNAP monthly issuance for February is estimated to be approximately \$4.8 billion and State administrative expense (SAE) is estimated at about \$350 million for a total need of approximately \$5.1 billion.
- **This approach requires careful coordination.** FNS has noticed States to hold their issuance files. States would, instead, implement an early issuance strategy, providing February benefits to SNAP participants on or before January 20, 2019. We will be working with States individually on how this approach is executed, in order to issue benefits to eligible households in the most efficient and equitable manner possible.

Child Nutrition Programs

- For these programs, including school meals and the Child and Adult Care Food Program, States already have funding to cover CN program operations for the month of January (approximately \$2.1 billion) on the basis of the last continuing resolution.
- This week, we will provide an additional two months' worth of funding, consistent with the standard practice of funding these programs on a quarterly basis.

Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs

- For **WIC**, FNS has identified resources to cover projected State expenditures for February. The agency will allocate at least \$248 million to State agencies this week, and we have identified an additional \$350 million in unspent prior year funds to allocate at a later date. A total of approximately \$600 million in funding will be provided to WIC State agencies. We will continue to work with States to make resources available to the extent possible.
- For the **WIC Farmers' Market (FMNP) and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs (SFMNP)**, FNS does not anticipate significant operational impacts as they are seasonal benefit programs with annual grant funds.
- For the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**, food deliveries planned for February will continue. Due to the lapse, States have not received their 2019 caseload assignments, so CSFP-participating States must operate at 2018's caseload levels. Similarly, states have received no additional administrative funds since the lapse, and none can be made available until the lapse ends.
- For **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**, food deliveries planned for February (including entitlement, bonus and trade mitigation) will continue. States have received no additional administrative funds since the lapse, and none can be made available until the lapse ends.
- For the **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**, food deliveries planned for February will continue. FDPIR programs have administrative funding through January 31 and are expected to operate the program.

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Subject: USDA's FNS Publishes Two Rules in FR
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 2:41:09 PM

Good afternoon,

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published two rules this morning in the Federal Register. Please see below for more information:

- [Taking Administration Actions Pending Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) Processing—](#)
Proposed Rule
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes that FOIA requests and FOIA appeals be processed separately from administrative actions that FNS takes against retail food stores.
 - This action aims to prevent retail food stores from using the FOIA process to delay administrative actions, such as disqualification or civil money penalties, to sanction a retail food store for SNAP violations.
- [SNAP: Eligibility, Certification, and Employment and Training Provisions of the 2014 Farm Bill –](#)
Final Rule
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking action to revise procedures for accessing SNAP benefits in drug addiction or alcoholic treatment centers (DAA treatment centers) and group living arrangements (GLAs) through electronic benefit transfer (EBT).
 - These updates will reverse changes that proved problematic for the unique needs of their participants residing in these facilities.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Erin Wilson

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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:55:44 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
[Perdue -- Revised Draft Ethics Agreement \(7 March 2017 10 am\).docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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From: "Bender, Stuart - OE" <Stuart.Bender@oe.usda.gov>
Date: March 7, 2017 at 10:51:34 AM EST
To: Sonny Perdue (b) (6) >, "Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Revised Draft Ethics Agreement

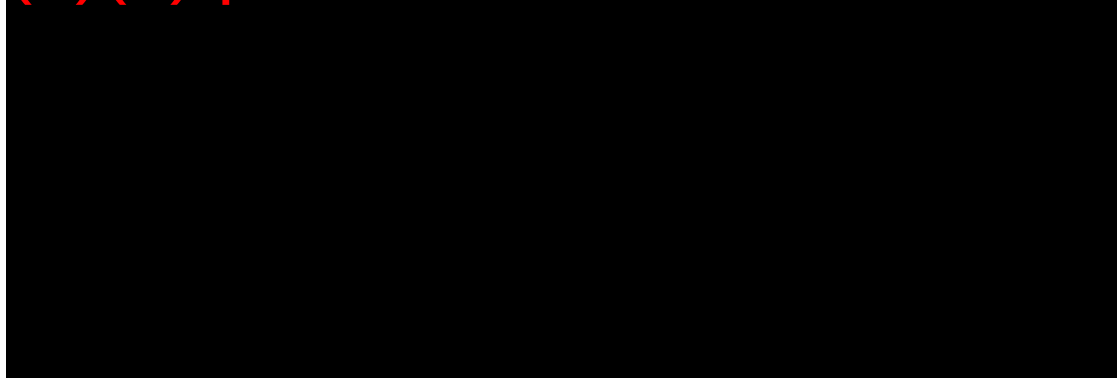
Dear Governor Perdue and Heidi,

Attached is the revised Ethics Agreement. I have communicated with OGE this morning and they informed me that the OGE Director has agreed with this revised draft. There are two substantive changes in this draft from the earlier draft, so, to facilitate your review I am highlighting those substantive changes below. Of course, I recommend that, as with any legal document, you carefully read the entire document and, as always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

If the Ethics Agreement is acceptable to you, please sign the Agreement on page three.

REVISED ETHICS AGREEMENT

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Many thanks for your continued cooperation with the ethics vetting process.

Best regards, Stuart

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Monday
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:16:47 PM

This is the greatest news ever! Thanks. Also, I see where you said RD: (b)(6)
Thanks.

From: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 1:43:45 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Monday

Also (b) (6)
Good news! 😊

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Monday

Thank you Jennifer. I know I have a White House conference call at 12 noon but maybe I can swing by or send something. I appreciate your thinking of me.

From: "Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue)" <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 12:55:19 PM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Monday

Hey Joyce,
We are having a (b) (6) at the Atlanta office on Monday, Feb 25 at 12:30 and would love for you to come if your schedule allows. I am so sorry for the late notice but we just confirmed the date due to so many different schedules.
Hope you can make it but completely understand if you are unable.

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Georgia Congressional Delegation Requests Expedited Emergency Declaration Approval For Georgia
Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 12:20:12 PM

Hello,

I want to share the Press Release below from Senator Isakson and Senator Perdue.

Please be safe.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 10, 2018

CONTACTS:

Georgia Congressional Delegation Requests Expedited Emergency Declaration Approval For Georgia

*Entire delegation sends bipartisan letter to President Trump
urging immediate action to ensure timely aid for Georgians*

impacted by Hurricane Michael

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and David Perdue (R-GA), along with the entire Georgia congressional delegation, write to President Donald Trump to request expedited emergency resources to aid counties in Georgia expected to be impacted by Hurricane Michael. Earlier this morning, Hurricane Michael was upgraded to a Category 4 storm and is expected to bring damaging winds, rain and flooding throughout the Southeast.

On Tuesday, October 9, based on the latest forecast for Hurricane Michael and acting on a recommendation from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency officials, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal issued an [emergency declaration for 92 Georgia counties](#), making all state resources available to local governments and entities within the impacted area of the hurricane.

“We write in full support of Governor Nathan Deal’s request for an emergency declaration for the state of Georgia in anticipation of Hurricane Michael,” **wrote the members.** “As the current projections indicate, this major hurricane will significantly impact Georgia communities, and we urge you to approve requests to ensure that full federal resources are made available for counties currently under the declaration and those that may be determined to be in need of emergency federal assistance in the coming days.”

On October 9, Senators Isakson and Perdue [urged Georgians](#) to heed officials’ warnings and take safety precautions ahead of Hurricane Michael’s landfall.

Click [here](#) for full text of the Georgia congressional delegation’s letter.

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From: [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Listening tour
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:18:18 PM
Attachments: [Calendar_004.ics](#)

Here's what I have so far.

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Martha Zoller

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I use voice dictate so please excuse any typos or misspellings.

From: [Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: H2A
Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018 3:28:35 PM

Hey, just tried you. I have about 20 more minutes before boarding. Feel free to call (b) (6).

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2018, at 1:43 PM, Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hey no problem at all. I should be free the rest of the day, so you can give me a call if you want at either of those times. My direct line is (b) (6). Otherwise we can connect next week. Thanks!

From: Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: H2A

Daniel,

Hi! Sorry for the delay. I have been on the road with the Secretary. Happy to chat on the administrations efforts regarding H-2A. I am available on a layover this afternoon at 3:15 your time or after 6 tonight. Otherwise I'm on vacation out of the country Friday and Monday, so we can connect Tuesday.

Thanks!
Kristi

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2018, at 5:01 PM, Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hey Kristi, I know you spoke with our Deputy Chief, PJ, last year and have been in touch with some of our folks back home, but I wanted to see if we could touch base on the work that yall are doing with the Interagency working group on ag labor. Our fruit and vegetable guys and Georgia Farm Bureau have asked us to weigh in on this again, so I wanted to see if there is any way Senator Perdue could be helpful in the process. He met with Secretary Acosta about this last year not long after his confirmation, so he

wasn't quite up to speed on H2A to say the least. If you have time tomorrow or early next week for a chat it would be much appreciated. Let me know.

Thanks,

Daniel

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant

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[image005.png](#)
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Thank you so much Joyce! So nice to be in touch.

Happy Monday
Best to you
Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



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From: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Date: 9/20/18 10:42 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello!

Hey Kathy: I thought of you yesterday as I visited with Dr. Buchanan at Andrew College. I was planning to go see Will Harris, but they wanted me next week, and I was in that area yesterday and he wasn't available. I don't think I'll make that drive next week. It is a loooonnnnnngggg way!

Anyway, I'll check to see if we have a list of projects that are being funded. We have so many programs and they are all different. I know we are doing some housing for him currently. I also know he just won a law suit against USDA Farm Services regarding the Bald Eagle.

Let me see if we have a list of some sort.

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:25 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Hello!

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Subject: Fwd: Hello and Congratulations

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I received this question from a Constituent regarding a yearly list of recipients of USDA grants in Georgia. Would you happen to have access to that?

Keep cool out there!

Thank you

Kathy

"BY THE WAY, MS. BURNS, HAS THE LIST OF THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS BEEN PUBLISHED?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT WHEN IT IS PUBLIC.

WILL."

Kathy Burns

Regional Representative

Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: Will Harris (b) (6) <Will_Harris@whiteoakpastures.com>
Date: 9/17/18 4:01 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello and Congratulations

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. BURNS.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT CLAY COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE STATE.

WE HAVE 155 EMPLOYEES, WHICH I THINK MAKES US THE LARGEST FULL TIME EMPLOYER IN THE COUNTY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR AVERAGE EMPLOYEE EARNED ALMOST TWICE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME LAST YEAR.

I HOPE THAT YOU, AND MAYBE EVEN SENATOR PERDUE, WILL VISIT US SOMETIMES. WE HAVE ON FARM LODGING AND AN ON FARM RESTAURANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO.

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE TODAY.

WILL.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Harris,

I represent Senator Perdue in Clay County and want to reach out to congratulate White Oak Pastures on the grant you have been approved for from USDA Rural Development. White Oak Pastures provides many jobs in Clay County and this grant will benefit the entire community.

If I can ever be of assistance to you on behalf of Senator Perdue, please let me know.

Congratulations again.
Very Respectfully,
Kathy Burns



Kathy Burns

West Central Georgia Regional Representative

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID A. PERDUE (R-GA)

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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Secretarial Designations S4314 and S4321 - GA - Drought Fast-Tracks
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 8:03:04 AM
Attachments: [8442763 GA Signed Copy.pdf](#)
[8442763 S4321 FT GA.PDF](#)
[8440315 S4314 FT GA.PDF](#)
[8440315 GA SignedCopy.pdf](#)

Daniel,

Hope you are doing well.

Please see attached drought declarations for Georgia.

If you need anything further let me know..

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United States Department of Agriculture

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Washington, D.C. 20250

MAY 10 2018

The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor
State of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating five Georgia counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of: 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your state and a contiguous state are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster.

Other counties in Georgia may have already been designated as natural disaster counties if they had previously met the requirements found under 7 CFR 759.5(a) for the current crop year.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure

Robert Byrd

Disaster Designation Areas for Georgia and a Contiguous State

Primary Counties:

Georgia (5)

Atkinson

Clinch

Coffee

Jeff Davis

Ware

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia (14)

Appling

Charlton

Pierce

Bacon

Echols

Telfair

Ben Hill

Irwin

Toombs

Berrien

Lanier

Wheeler

Brantley

Montgomery

In addition, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in an adjacent state are named as contiguous disaster areas. That state, counties, and numbers are:

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Florida (2)

Baker

Columbia



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May 11, 2018

TO: State Executive Director(s)
Georgia Florida

FROM: Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division (PECD)

SUBJECT: Secretarial Disaster Designation S4321

Please carefully review the following information concerning the subject disaster designation:

Secretarial Designation Number:	S4321
Approval date by the Secretary:	05/10/2018
Termination Date - EM loan applications:	01/10/2019
Beginning date – Incident period: (For determining EM loan security values)	03/13/2018
Crop Year(s) Affected:	2018
Disaster description:	Drought (Fast Track)

[Complete List of Primary Counties, Contiguous Counties, and Adjacent States, are in the attached ADDENDUM]

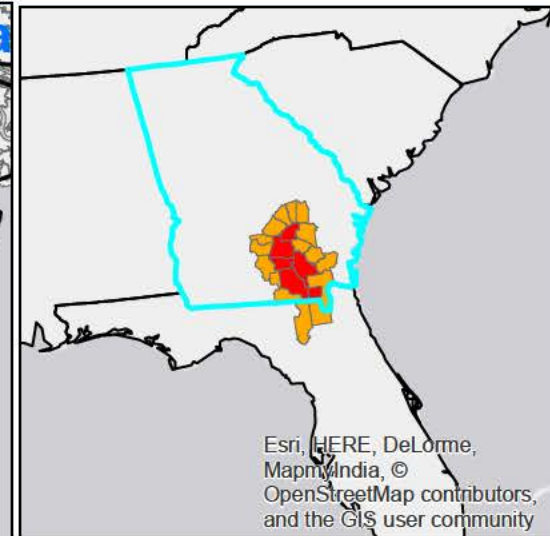
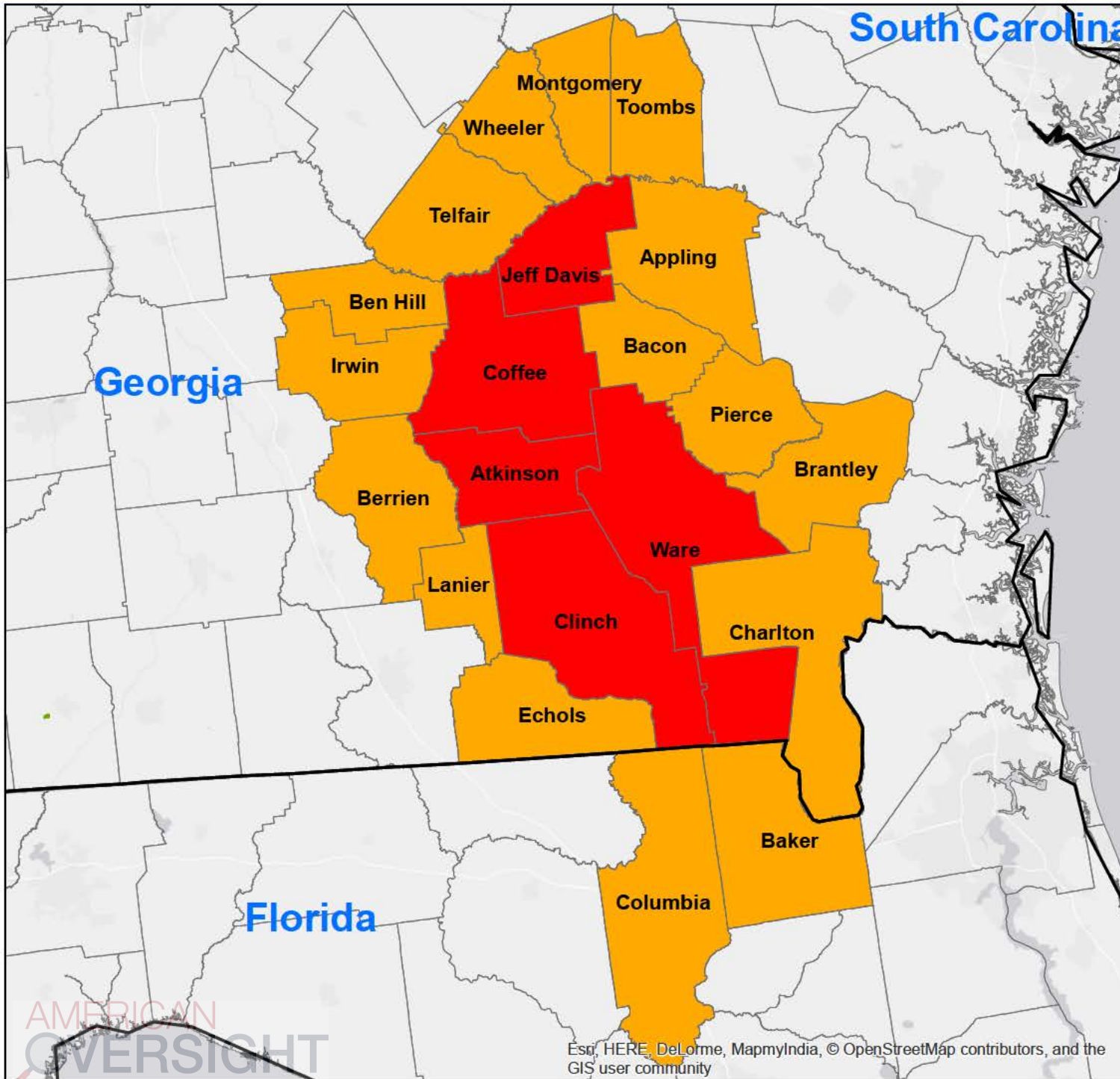
Please proceed to take the appropriate actions required by 7 CFR 759.

EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2019

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2018 Fast Track Drought - GA 8442763

2019-DA-02446-F (Search No. 1)



Designations

- State Boundary
- Tribal Lands
- County Boundary
- Primary Counties: 5
- Contiguous Counties: 16



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Production Emergencies and Compliance Division
Washington, D.C.
USDA-19-0245-C-000126
May 3, 2018

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List of Primary and Contiguous Counties					
St/Co FIPS Code	Primary	STATE	St/Co FIPS Code	Contiguous	STATE
13003	Atkinson	Georgia	12003	Baker	Florida
13065	Clinch	Georgia	12023	Columbia	Florida
13069	Coffee	Georgia	13001	Appling	Georgia
13161	Jeff Davis	Georgia	13005	Bacon	Georgia
13299	Ware	Georgia	13017	Ben Hill	Georgia
			13019	Berrien	Georgia
			13025	Brantley	Georgia
			13049	Charlton	Georgia
			13101	Echols	Georgia
			13155	Irwin	Georgia
			13173	Lanier	Georgia
			13209	Montgomery	Georgia
			13229	Pierce	Georgia
			13271	Telfair	Georgia
			13279	Toombs	Georgia
			13309	Wheeler	Georgia

SECRETARIAL DESIGNATION REQUEST**Primary State: Georgia****5 primary county(ies)****REPORT DATE: Thursday May 3, 2018**

State	Primary	Contiguous	TOTAL
Florida	-	2	2
Georgia	5	14	19
TOTALS	5	16	21
TOTAL No. of States	1	2	2



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May 11, 2018

TO: State Executive Director(s)

Georgia

FROM: Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division (PECD)

SUBJECT: Secretarial Disaster Designation S4314

Please carefully review the following information concerning the subject disaster designation:

Secretarial Designation Number: S4314

Approval date by the Secretary: 05/03/2018

Termination Date - EM loan applications: 01/03/2019

Beginning date – Incident period: 03/06/2018
(For determining EM loan security values)

Crop Year(s) Affected: 2018

Disaster description: Drought (Fast Track)

[Complete List of Primary Counties, Contiguous Counties, and Adjacent States, are in the attached ADDENDUM]

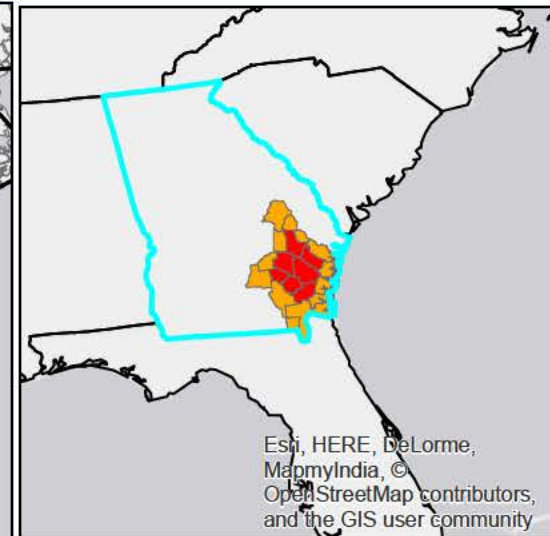
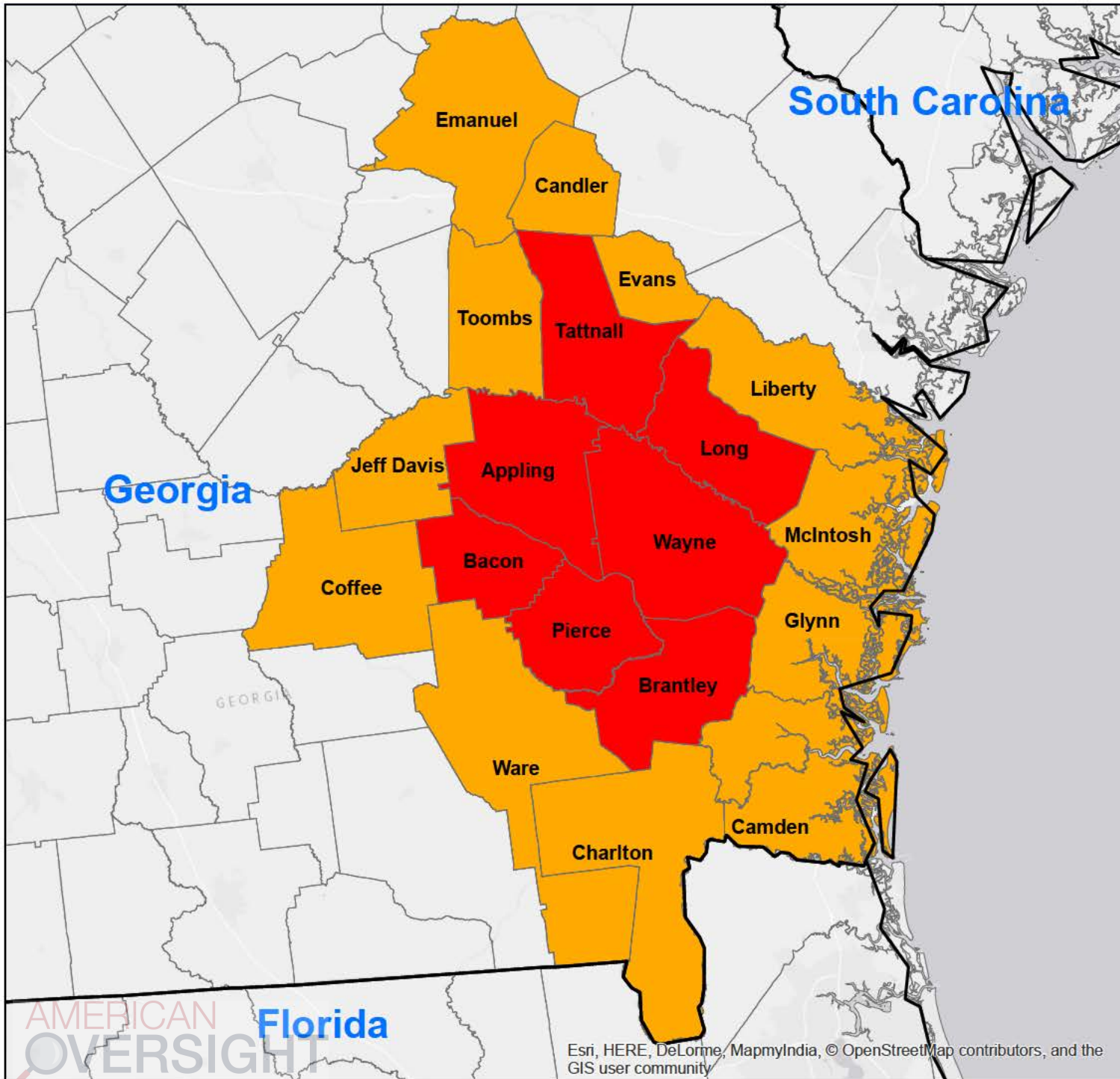
Please proceed to take the appropriate actions required by 7 CFR 759.

EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2019

FILING INSTRUCTIONS
Farm Loan Programs

2018 Fast Track Drought - GA 8440315

2019-DA-02446-F (Search No. 1)



Designations

-  State Boundary
-  Tribal Lands
-  County Boundary
-  Primary Counties: 7
-  Contiguous Counties: 12



USDA Farm Service Agency
Production, Emergencies and Compliance Division
Washington, D.C.
USDA-19-0245-C-000130
April 26, 2018

List of Primary and Contiguous Counties					
St/Co FIPS Code	Primary	STATE	St/Co FIPS Code	Contiguous	STATE
13001	Appling	Georgia	13039	Camden	Georgia
13005	Bacon	Georgia	13043	Candler	Georgia
13025	Brantley	Georgia	13049	Charlton	Georgia
13183	Long	Georgia	13069	Coffee	Georgia
13229	Pierce	Georgia	13107	Emanuel	Georgia
13267	Tattnall	Georgia	13109	Evans	Georgia
13305	Wayne	Georgia	13127	Glynn	Georgia
			13161	Jeff Davis	Georgia
			13179	Liberty	Georgia
			13191	McIntosh	Georgia
			13279	Toombs	Georgia
			13299	Ware	Georgia

SECRETARIAL DESIGNATION REQUEST**Primary State: Georgia****7 primary county(ies)****REPORT DATE: Thursday April 26, 2018**

State	Primary	Contiguous	TOTAL
Georgia	7	12	19
TOTALS	7	12	19
TOTAL No. of States	1	1	1



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MAY 3 2018

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Dear Governor Deal:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Enclosure



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

MAY 3 2018

Mr. [Name] [Address]

[City, State, ZIP]

[Country]

[Phone Number]

[Email Address]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

On May 3, 2018, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) received your letter dated [Date] regarding [Subject].

USDA is currently reviewing your request and will respond to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue
Secretary

Disaster Designation Areas for Georgia

Primary Counties:

Georgia
Appling
Bacon

(7)
Brantley
Long

Pierce
Tattnall

Wayne

Contiguous Counties:

Georgia
Camden
Candler
Charlton

(12)
Coffee
Emanuel
Evans

Glynn
Jeff Davis
Liberty

McIntosh
Toombs
Ware

From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Butts County to connect with
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 11:31:04 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce!

Chris Perkins

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 8:49 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Butts County to connect with

It was great to talk with you! Thanks for continuing to tell communities about USDA Rural Development. I called the Mayor of Centralhatchee (Barbie Crockett) yesterday and had to leave her a voicemail. I will follow up with a e-mail now. I will also e-mail the Butts County folks and offer to go down and meet with them at a time convenient with them.

I appreciate you. Take care.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 3:31 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Butts County to connect with

Joyce,

Good talking to you today on the phone. Glad to hear you are back at work! I met last Friday with some people in Butts County that are interested in talking to your Rural Eco Dev folks.

Catherine Jones
Executive Director, Butts Chamber of Commerce
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Sincerely,

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From: [Miller, Jannine - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Dec 8 & 11 visit
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:50:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Joyce!

Just a heads-up that I'm getting some scheduling started, for my trip to Athens on Friday Dec 8 – yay!

I'll be emailing Griff Doyle at UGA (fed gov't affairs) and I'll copy you. Am gonna mention to him that the schedule as-of-now is flexible, since you & I may need to schedule our day around the availability on their calendars at UGA/Carl Vinson, if that's okay with you?

I'll also email Cathy Holtzclaw, for scheduling with Chris Clark, aiming for first part of the morning on Monday Dec 11. Turns out that I have to be back here in DC the afternoon of Dec 11, for a meeting with SP...so I'll need to be on a late morning flight out (probably 11am departure that day).

Thanks, and looking forward to seeing you next week!

Jannine

Jannine Miller

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Valley Partnership Mtg
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:37:56 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

Hey Kathy! It is so great to hear from you. I'm glad word is getting around about resources for Broadband. We are just beginning to roll out the President's ReConnect program and so while the application site is not yet up and running, communities do need to be preparing and getting their applications ready.

I will be glad to share information with you, and I know there is a new brochure out. I just need to see if we have it where I can send it out to you electronically. I will check and get back with you.

I saw Chris Perkins today and plan to attend a gala tomorrow night where the Senator will be honored. It's always so good to hear from or see one of the team!

I'll get back with you soon with information on the ReConnect program.

JOYCE WHITE

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:48 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Valley Partnership Mtg

Hi,

I am in a Valley Partnership meeting and Amy Carter/GDEcD Deputy Commissioner in Rural GA Initiatives is the guest speaker.

She just mentioned you as a resource for rural broadband! Rockstar!!

Do you have your documents outlining Rural Broadband grants/available funds that you

shared in Macon on digits that you can send me? I would like to get those out to our Valley Partnership members.

I hope you are doing well!

Thank you Joyce.

Very Respectfully,
Kathy

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Fwd: Response for Dr. Buchanan
Date: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:15:11 PM
Attachments: [Linda Buchanan Response.pdf](#)

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: 7/27/18 11:12 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "White, Joyce (Perdue)" <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Response for Dr. Buchanan

Hi Joyce,

I hope you are doing well! I wanted to share this with you in case you haven't seen it and have any contact with Dr. Buchanan. Things seem to be proceeding in a positive way.

I saw you in a few pictures when Secretary Perdue visited our farmers with Senator Perdue recently. You look great and I wish I could have been there with you!

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Kathy

Kathy Burns
Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue



----- Original message -----

From: "Kelly, Colin (Perdue)" <Colin_Kelly@perdue.senate.gov>

Date: 7/27/18 10:22 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Burns, Kathy (Perdue)" <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: Response for Dr. Buchanan

Good Morning Kathy,

I received the attached response from USDA regarding the case for Dr. Buchanan and Andrews College. It will be sent to Dr. Buchanan as well, but just wanted you to be aware of it in case she reaches out to you. Let me know if you have any questions.



Colin Kelly

Field Representative/Constituent Services Representative

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APR 27 2018

Curtis M. Anderson
Acting Administrator

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The Honorable David Perdue
United States Senator
3280 Peachtree Road NE.
Suite 2640
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Senator Perdue:

Thank you for your email of April 13, 2018, in support of Andrew College and its eligibility for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Facilities (CF) program.

The Georgia Rural Development State Office received a complete application on February 2, 2018. Due to the size of the loan request, the State Office must submit the application to the CF National Office for review. The National Office is currently reviewing the application and will give it every consideration within USDA regulations and authorities.

If your constituent has any questions regarding the CF program, please contact Katherine Ross, Community Programs Director, at (b) (6) or by email at Katherine.Ross@ga.usda.gov.

Thank you for supporting USDA's CF programs. If you have any further questions, please have a member of your staff contact Ms. Leslie Brown of our Office of External Affairs at (b) (6).

Sincerely,

Curtis M. Anderson
Acting Administrator
Rural Housing Service

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: I've got one for you
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 4:55:33 PM

Roger. Sorry about the back and forth. Let me know if you need anything else.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 28, 2017, at 4:34 PM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:
 >
 > Nevermind. I took care of it.
 >
 > On Aug 28, 2017, at 3:53 PM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:
 >
 > Just finished the meeting if you can call now.
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 > On Aug 28, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:
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 > 3:45?
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 > Sent from my iPhone
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 >> On Aug 28, 2017, at 2:02 PM, Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:
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 >> No, I have a meeting at 3:00. I can do right now though.
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 >> On Aug 28, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:
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 >> I can do 3pm. That work?
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 >> Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:05 AM
 >> To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
 >> Subject: Re: I've got one for you
 >>
 >> 2:30?

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 >> On Aug 27, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:
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 >> When can you talk tomorrow? I was on the road in GA Friday.

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 >> Joby Young
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 >> Chief of Staff - Office of Congressional Relations
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 >> United States Department of Agriculture
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 >> -----Original Message-----
 >> From: Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) [mailto:PJ_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov]
 >> Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 2:36 PM
 >> To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
 >> Subject: I've got one for you

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 >> Can you call me at (b) (6) when you get a chance.
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 >> Thanks,

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From: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov](#); [michael.reed@mail.house.gov](#); [Hart.Thompson@mail.house.gov](#); [sally.larson@mail.house.gov](#); [mdb@mail.house.gov](#); [jason.murphy2@mail.house.gov](#); [caryn.hamner@mail.house.gov](#); [Jack.Overstreet@isakson.senate.gov](#); [estefania.rodriguez@mail.house.gov](#); [thomas.dorney@mail.house.gov](#); [susannah.johnston@mail.house.gov](#); [ben_ayres@perdue.senate.gov](#); [craig.anderson@mail.house.gov](#); [ashley.smith1@mail.house.gov](#); [nicholas.scoufaras@mail.house.gov](#); [lalia.goharioon@mail.house.gov](#)
Subject: Member Invite: Secretary Perdue // Beagle Brigade
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 5:30:51 PM

Hi all, Secretary Perdue would like to invite your bosses to join him on Friday April 5th at from 11:00am to 1:10pm for a tour of APHIS's National Detector Dog Training Center in Newnan, Georgia.

For background, the National Detector Dog Training Center is located in Newnan, Georgia. The Center is located just south of Hartsfield Jackson International Airport on 17 acres of leased property. In 2018, APHIS trained 81 dogs and 67 canine handlers for use by APHIS, CBP, state departments of agriculture, and county agricultural commissioner's offices.

The visit is an opportunity to meet with APHIS employees and observe demonstrations of how they train the "Beagle Brigade" and the type of activities they conduct.

Please let me know if your Member of Congress can attend. If so, I'll happily connect you with our Advance Staff to coordinate logistics.

Best,

Evan

Evan B. Lee

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From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Fry, Ben \(Perdue\)](#); [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#); [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#); [Zoller, Martha \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Grimmway Notification
Date: Friday, February 9, 2018 9:21:03 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image011.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

Rgr. I'll let our advance team know.

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 Office of Congressional Relations
 United States Department of Agriculture
 Mobile: (b) (6)

Please excuse brevity and typos
 Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 9, 2018, at 9:19 AM, White, Charles (Perdue) <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

Hello Everyone!

I will be attending the Grimmway event on behalf of Senator Perdue. Thanks so much!!

<image002.png> **CHARLES WHITE**
Regional Representative Southwest Georgia
OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID A. PERDUE (R-GA)
 3280 Peachtree St. NE Suite 2640 | Atlanta, Georgia 30305
 Cell phone: (b) (6)
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From: Fry, Ben (Perdue)
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 9:14 AM
To: White, Charles (Perdue) <Charles.White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Notification

You may be aware but just wanted to be sure.

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel.Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben.Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>; Fry, Ben (Perdue) <Ben.Fry@perdue.senate.gov>; Zoller, Martha (Perdue)

<Martha_Zoller@perdue.senate.gov>; Gallagher, Ethan (Perdue)
<Ethan_Gallagher@perdue.senate.gov>

Subject: RE: Notification

Ethan –

Please decline for DP and see if we can offer staff

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GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler

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Direct phone: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Notification

FYI.

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Notification

Hi Daniel,

The Secretary will be taking part in a ribbon cutting of the Grimmway Farms carrot processing plant in Sparks, GA on February 19. Please let me know if Sen. Perdue would like to attend.

See itinerary below:

When:
Monday, February 19, 2018
12:30-2:30p

Location:
Grimmway Farms
(b) (6)
Sparks, GA 31647

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations

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From: [Lee, Evan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Moving On
Date: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:16:02 PM

Congratulations on the new gig and moving back to the home state delegation, Daniel. Looking forward to working with you in your new role.

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Evan B. Lee
Chief of Staff
Office of Congressional Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture
c: (b) (6)

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Moving On

Hello All,

After over 3 years of working for Senator Perdue and serving the people of Georgia, today will be my last day with the office. (b) (6) I will be moving to Senator Marsha Blackburn's office on Monday to handle the same ag, energy, environment etc. I've been handling here. I'm excited to be working for my home state again and spending a lot more time down there, but it's certainly bittersweet to leave the folks down in Georgia. It's been an extremely rewarding experience to work with all of you over the years and I hope to continue to work with you in my new role whenever possible.

I hope to keep in touch with all of you and don't hesitate to reach out to me in my new role. Starting Monday you'll be able to contact me at Daniel_hale@blackburn.senate.gov.

Best,
Daniel

Daniel Hale
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From: [Perkins, Chris \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:11:05 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Thanks Joyce!

Chris

From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Opioid Grants

Yes, Chris. Thank you. I'll have Dawn Pilgrim call. She is my lead on opioids.

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From: Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:32 PM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Opioid Grants

Joyce,

I met someone the other day that is interested in speaking with someone at USDA about Opioid Grants. The organization is called AVPride and they have a new executive director. I referred them to your office before but with the old leadership. Could you have someone reach out to them?

Dr. Tami Morris
(b) (6) Office
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(b) (6) [@avpride.com](mailto:(b) (6)@avpride.com)

Sincerely,

Chris Perkins

Field Representative

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Subject: USDA Approves D-SNAP for Counties in Georgia
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 10:50:05 AM
Attachments: [D-SNAPGeorgia20Counties-Approval-FY19.pdf](#)

Good morning,

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved Georgia's request to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in the following counties impacted by Hurricane Michael: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth.

D-SNAP provides temporary nutrition assistance benefits to eligible disaster survivors and disaster supplements to households already participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The State estimates up to 50,000 households may be eligible for benefits and will determine eligibility based on a household's income, resources, disaster-related expenses, and other circumstances. The program may begin in some counties as early as Nov. 7, 2018.

Please see attached for more information and the [press release](#) below, let me know if you have any questions.

USDA Provides 20 Hurricane-Damaged Georgia Counties with Additional Food Assistance

Release & Contact Info

Press Release

Release No. 0240.18

Contact: USDA Press

Email: press@oc.usda.gov

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5, 2018 — As part of the continuing effort to provide relief from the effects of Hurricane Michael, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that households in 20 Georgia counties that may not normally be eligible for nutrition assistance under regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#)) rules may temporarily qualify for [Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(D-SNAP\) benefits](#). Households may be eligible if they have qualifying disaster-related expenses and meet D-SNAP income limits.

"Hurricane Michael cut across a large swath of rural America and disrupted the lives of thousands of families," said USDA's Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Brandon Lipps. "This assistance will help residents in parts of southern

Georgia that were badly harmed get back on their feet.”

The timing and conditions of D-SNAP vary with the circumstances of each disaster, but the program always begins as a result of a request from the state after access to retailers has been restored and families are able to purchase food to prepare at home. Before operating D-SNAP in an approved county, the state must ensure that conditions related to safety and readiness are in place.

If a household in the affected area qualifies for D-SNAP, they could receive one month of benefits to meet their food needs as they settle back home following the disaster. Households in the approved areas that already receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive disaster supplements, up to the maximum allotment for their household size, and do not need to apply for D-SNAP.

The D-SNAP program will operate in Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth counties.

The state estimates up to 50,000 households may be eligible for benefits and will determine eligibility based on a household’s income, resources, disaster-related expenses, and other circumstances. The program may begin in some counties as early as Nov. 7, 2018. Affected households should look for public information notices from the state regarding the application process, location of application sites, and dates of application in each county.

FNS has also approved streamlined child nutrition program administration for schools in 13 hurricane-affected Georgia counties by allowing meals that vary from menu planning and meal pattern requirements. Those counties include Baker, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Miller, Seminole, Calhoun, Clay, Laurens, Randolph, Sumter, Tift and Turner. Today’s announcement is the latest in a [series of steps](#) taken to help Georgia residents cope with the effects of Hurricane Michael.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works to reduce food insecurity and promote nutritious diets among the American people. The agency administers 15 [nutrition assistance programs](#) that leverage America’s agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#), which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.

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Best,

Erin Wilson

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DATE: November 2, 2018

Park Office
CenterSUBJECT: Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) – Georgia –
20 Counties – Approval3101 Park
Center Drive
Alexandria
VA 22302TO: Tim English
Acting Regional Administrator
Southeast Regional Office

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves Georgia's request to operate D-SNAP in 20 counties in response to the impact of Hurricane Michael which made landfall in Georgia on October 10, 2018, and continues to cause wide-ranging effects throughout the State, such as power outages and road closures. President Donald J. Trump issued a major disaster declaration and subsequent amendments designating these areas as eligible for Federal individual assistance.

The State agency estimates that approximately 36,377 new households may be eligible for up to \$18,370,385 in D-SNAP assistance, and that approximately 34,699 ongoing SNAP households may be eligible for up to \$5,663,091 in supplemental benefits.

FNS approves the State agency's request and proposed alternative procedures detailed below, subject to the following conditions:

- Commercial channels of food distribution have been restored in the requested areas, and there are a sufficient number of authorized retailers open and available to redeem D-SNAP benefits.
- Prior to implementation, the State agency will provide FNS with a complete list of all D-SNAP application sites and hours of operation.
- Application sites must be located in areas accessible by major roads and thoroughfares that are passable and safe to travel.
- The State agency will have sufficient staff, and the ability to augment staffing at each application site, as needed.
- The State agency will ensure that application sites are organized so as to clearly designate separate waiting and processing areas for D-SNAP applicants and ongoing SNAP households.
- The State agency will ensure that each application site has human comforts (such as water and restroom facilities), reasonable accommodations for the elderly and disabled, and sufficient security.
- The State agency will ensure that all public communications and press materials provide clear, accurate, and updated information about application site locations and hours of operation.

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Disaster Area

The State agency will operate D-SNAP to serve individuals who lived or worked in the following 20 counties at the time of the disaster: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth County.

If the State agency wishes to operate D-SNAP in other counties that subsequently receive a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, it must submit a formal request to FNS for approval.

Application Period and Sites

The application period will begin no earlier than Wednesday, November 7, 2018, and operate for 13 non-consecutive days. The State agency must notify FNS should this start date be postponed.

D-SNAP applications will be processed in the following phases:

- Phase 1: Baker, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth County will accept applications at designated site locations for 7 non-consecutive days beginning on Wednesday, November 7, through Wednesday, November 14, 2018. The State agency will not operate D-SNAP on Monday, November 12, 2018, in observance of Veterans' Day.
- Phase 2: Calhoun, Clay, Laurens, Randolph, Sumter, Tift, and Turner County will accept applications at designated site locations for 5 consecutive days beginning on Thursday, November 15, through Monday, November 19, 2018. The State agency has the option to extend operations for 2 additional days, if necessary, on Tuesday, November 20, and Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

The State agency will notify FNS of any changes to this schedule due to conditions affecting public safety or the ability to procure appropriate application sites in a given county.

If more than 7 days are needed to serve applicants in any of the affected counties, the State agency may request an extension of the application period, with appropriate justification, subject to FNS review and approval.

Because many residents have been temporarily displaced due to Hurricane Michael, the State agency will allow applicants from the counties within each phase to apply for D-SNAP at any application site within that specific phase. Once a phase is closed, applicants from counties within that phase will not be allowed to apply in another county in a different phase.

Benefit Period

The State agency will determine eligibility based on a household's income, resources, disaster-related expenses, and other circumstances from October 9 through November 7, 2018.

Governor Nathan Deal declared a state of emergency on October 9, 2018, and the State agency has requested to align the benefit period with this date because it will allow

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households who began disaster preparations or were evacuated in advance of the storm's landfall to claim incurred disaster expenses.

The State agency will certify eligible households for 1 month, and issue the maximum allotment based on household size according to FNS' Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Disaster Gross Income Limits.

Eligibility

- Only households that resided or worked in the approved areas are eligible.
- Household composition as it existed on October 9, 2018, will be used in determining eligibility.
- Households that experienced food loss as their only disaster expense may be eligible.
- If a household has received or expects to receive reimbursement for disaster-related expenses during the benefit period, only the net amount of expenses paid or anticipated to be paid shall be deducted.
- Per FNS' D-SNAP Guidance, when determining accessible liquid resources, the State agency will count a household's cash-on-hand that was available on the first day of the benefit period. However, the State agency indicated that, due to the extent of widespread power outages and structural damage to banks and other businesses, many households were unable to access regular liquid resources, such as checking and savings accounts. The State agency will not count these when determining eligibility.
- The State agency will not count lump-sum disaster related insurance payments received by disaster victims as income. However, per FNS' D-SNAP Guidance, the State agency must consider these payments when determining deductible disaster related-expenses, which include only those expenses paid out-of-pocket and not reimbursed during the disaster period. For a disaster-related expense that is reimbursed, only the net expense is deductible.
- The State agency will adhere to the verification requirements in FNS' D-SNAP Guidance to the extent possible. These requirements include:
 - Mandatory verification of identity.
 - Where possible, verification of residency and loss of income or inaccessibility of resources.
 - If questionable, verification of household composition and food loss.
- The State agency will issue benefits to eligible households within 72 hours, consistent with FNS' 3-day issuance standard.

Ongoing Households

Disaster supplements provide for equity in disaster assistance between new D-SNAP households and ongoing SNAP households, as supplements bring the benefits of ongoing SNAP households up to the maximum allotment for their household size.

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The State agency will issue automatic disaster supplements to all ongoing SNAP households in the approved areas. Based on the disaster impact data provided, FNS approves this procedure for all 20 counties.

Ongoing SNAP households that already receive the maximum monthly allotment for their household size are not eligible for disaster supplements.

Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)

The State agency maintains that it has a sufficient supply of EBT cards to issue to all anticipated D-SNAP applicants, and will carefully monitor the supply of cardstock and the number of applications received and processed each day in order to arrange for the production and delivery of additional cards should their estimate of applicant households prove too low. The State agency will notify FNS immediately should difficulties arise with card stock volume or production.

Quality Control and Program Integrity

The State agency will conduct a duplicate participation check for all household members in its data systems before issuing benefits.

The State agency may delay issuing benefits in order to verify questionable application information or if it suspects fraud, but for no more than 7 days from the date of application.

The State agency must conduct anti-fraud efforts and warn households of the consequences of committing fraud through notices and prominent signage at all application sites.

Quality Control will exclude D-SNAP cases from its samples. The State agency will review 0.5% of D-SNAP cases (no fewer than 25 cases but no more than 500 cases) to ensure D-SNAP eligibility and allotments were correctly determined.

The State agency will review 100% of all applications from State agency employees who apply for D-SNAP benefits. Results of the integrity review must be submitted to FNS within 6 months of the close of the application period.

Reporting

The State agency will submit daily reports to FNS with the following information for the entire State:

- The number of new households and persons approved for D-SNAP.
- The number of new households denied for D-SNAP.
- The number of ongoing SNAP households and persons approved for disaster supplements.
- The value of D-SNAP benefits and disaster supplements issued.
- The average issuance amount per household.

The State agency will submit a similar summary report, with the same information detailed by County, at the end of D-SNAP operations.

The State agency will submit an FNS-292B report in the Food Program Reporting System (FPRS) 45 days after the close of D-SNAP operations.

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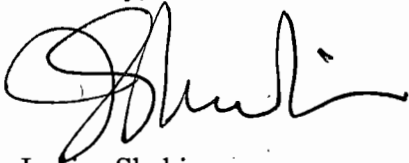
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The State agency will submit a comprehensive Post-Disaster Report to the FNS Southeast Regional Office no later than 6 months after the close of operations. This report will include individual case reviews, problem analysis, and proposed improvements to the State's D-SNAP plan.

Authority

FNS approves this D-SNAP under the authority of section 412 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

Sincerely,



Jessica Shahin
Associate Administrator
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

From: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: SNAP waivers
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 11:35:43 AM

Sure I'll be here. Thanks a lot.

From: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: SNAP waivers

Yes will call you in about 15 if you're around Daniel.

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kailee.Tkacz@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: SNAP waivers

Kailee,

Can you give Daniel a call on a SNAP question? Thanks!

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Joby Young

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Subject: USDA Approves Disaster Request for GA Schools Impacted by Hurricane Michael
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 11:14:52 AM
Attachments: [18112Georgia - NSLP SBP - Meal Pattern Co-Locating Sites Late Claims Ini... .pdf](#)

Good morning,

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved Georgia's disaster request for schools in the following counties, which were impacted by Hurricane Michael: Baker, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Miller, Seminole, Calhoun, Clay, Laurens, Randolph, Sumter, Tift and Turner. FNS is providing schools in these 13 counties with flexibility around the school lunch and breakfast program meal pattern requirements from October 25th to November 30th.

Schools may also use the same location and count and claim school lunch and breakfast meals separately for more than one school, effective October 25, 2018, through November 30, 2018. They are also granted additional time beyond the 60/90 day requirement to file claims, for the months of September, October, and November.

FNS will monitor needs and work with State officials to determine further actions after the approval period expires.

Please see attached and below for the [press release](#) with additional information, let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Erin Wilson

Office of Congressional Relations
 United States Department of Agriculture

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(b) (6) (Work Cell)

USDA Provides 20 Hurricane-Damaged Georgia Counties with Additional Food Assistance

Release & Contact Info

Press Release

Release No. 0240.18

Contact: USDA Press

Email: press@oc.usda.gov

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5, 2018 — As part of the continuing effort to provide relief from the effects of Hurricane Michael, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that households in 20 Georgia counties that may not normally be eligible for nutrition assistance under regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#)) rules may temporarily qualify for [Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(D-SNAP\) benefits](#). Households may be eligible if they have qualifying disaster-related expenses and meet D-SNAP income limits.

“Hurricane Michael cut across a large swath of rural America and disrupted the lives of thousands of families,” said USDA’s Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Brandon Lipps. “This assistance will help residents in parts of southern Georgia that were badly harmed get back on their feet.”

The timing and conditions of D-SNAP vary with the circumstances of each disaster, but the program always begins as a result of a request from the state after access to retailers has been restored and families are able to purchase food to prepare at home. Before operating D-SNAP in an approved county, the state must ensure that conditions related to safety and readiness are in place.

If a household in the affected area qualifies for D-SNAP, they could receive one month of benefits to meet their food needs as they settle back home following the disaster. Households in the approved areas that already receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive disaster supplements, up to the maximum allotment for their household size, and do not need to apply for D-SNAP.

The D-SNAP program will operate in Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth counties.

The state estimates up to 50,000 households may be eligible for benefits and will determine eligibility based on a household’s income, resources, disaster-related expenses, and other circumstances. The program may begin in some counties as early as Nov. 7, 2018. Affected households should look for public information notices from the state regarding the application process, location of application sites, and dates of application in each county.

FNS has also approved streamlined child nutrition program administration for schools in 13 hurricane-affected Georgia counties by allowing meals that vary from menu planning and meal pattern requirements. Those counties include Baker, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Miller, Seminole, Calhoun, Clay, Laurens, Randolph, Sumter, Tift and Turner. Today’s announcement is the latest in a [series of steps](#) taken to help Georgia residents cope with the effects of Hurricane Michael.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works to reduce food insecurity and promote nutritious diets among the American people. The agency administers 15 [nutrition assistance programs](#) that leverage America’s agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#), which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.

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Food and
Nutrition
Service

DATE: November 2, 2018

Park Office
Center

SUBJECT: Hurricane Michael: Approval for Meal Pattern Flexibilities and to Co-Locate School Meal Program Sites in 13 Counties in Georgia

3101 Park
Center Drive
Alexandria
VA 22302

TO: Lilly Bouie
Director
Southeast Regional Office

This letter is in response to a request submitted by the Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) on October 31, 2018, to assist schools impacted by Hurricane Michael. Georgia received an Emergency Declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on October 10, 2018 (EM-3406). Subsequently, Georgia received a Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) (DR-4400) from FEMA on October 14, 2018. As of October 31, 2018, this MDD covered 34 counties in Georgia.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) understands that Hurricane Michael caused extensive damage in Georgia after making landfall as a Category 4 hurricane on October 10, 2018. Hurricane Michael brought maximum sustained winds of 155 miles per hour. GA DOE reports that as a result of Hurricane Michael, school food authorities (SFAs) experienced loss of food inventory due to extensive and prolonged power outages, some of which lasted more than 7 days. Deliveries were impacted as blocked roadways have made transportation difficult. GA DOE also reported that some school buildings sustained damage.

GA DOE has requested flexibilities in administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) for the following SFAs, all of which are included in the MDD: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Laurens, Miller, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Tift, and Turner Counties. In total, these counties have 13 SFAs comprised of 78 schools with 46,301 students.

After careful consideration, FNS approves the following flexibilities. Each request submitted by GA DOE is addressed separately below.

1. GA DOE requests to allow SFAs in the 13 counties identified to file claims beyond the 60/90 day requirement.

FNS has determined a waiver is not necessary to enable GA DOE to accept Claims for Reimbursement to be submitted more than 60 days following the last day of the full month covered by the claim. As clarified in FNS Memorandum SP 46-2014, CACFP 12-2014, SFSP 18-2014, "Disaster Response," FNS Regional Offices (ROs) are authorized to allow State agencies, SFAs, institutions, and sponsors to submit claims beyond the 60/90-day requirement. Claims submitted outside of the 60/90-day requirement, as a result of a disaster, are not subject to the one-time exception for late submissions. Therefore, the FNS Southeast Regional Office may approve this request.

2. GA DOE requests to allow SFAs in the 13 counties listed above to serve and claim meals that do not meet NSLP and SBP meal pattern requirements.

According to the request submitted by GA DOE, schools are experiencing shortages of meal pattern components as a result of the loss of food inventories due to extensive power outages and limited food deliveries. Based on the NSLP regulations, if emergency conditions exist that prevent schools from obtaining fluid milk, State agencies may allow service of meals without milk or with an alternate form of milk, such as canned or dry milk (7 CFR 210.10(d)(2)(i)). Additionally, under NSLP and SBP regulations at 7 CFR 210.10(m)(4) and 220.8(m), in the event of a natural disaster, FNS may temporarily allow schools to serve both lunch and breakfast meals for reimbursement that do not meet the meal pattern requirements. FNS recognizes that meeting meal pattern requirements will be a challenge during the coming weeks as a result of Hurricane Michael. Due to these challenges, FNS is approving the flexibility to temporarily allow schools in the 13 counties listed above to serve and claim NSLP and SBP meals that do not meet the meal pattern requirements from October 25, 2018, through November 30, 2018, as allowed by regulation.

3. GA DOE requests to allow schools in the 13 counties listed above to utilize the same location and claim meals separately through NSLP and SBP for two or more schools.

According to the request submitted by GA DOE, some schools have suffered damage to their buildings. Consistent with flexibilities granted in Florida following Hurricane Michael, schools in the 13 counties listed above are permitted to utilize the same location and count and claim NSLP and SBP meals separately for more than one school. From October 25, 2018, through November 30, 2018, each school is permitted to serve and claim the maximum number of meals allowed under the regulations, provided the meals are served to different populations of children

As a condition of this approval, GA DOE is required to:

- Provide to FNS a list of schools that utilize these approvals and an estimate of the number of affected students;
- Monitor progress in resuming normal food service and administrative functions at the affected schools; and
- Notify FNS if an extension beyond November 30, 2018, is necessary.

The FNS Southeast Regional Office will work closely with GA DOE to determine if the affected counties will require an extension of this approval and, if so, ensure the extension request is submitted to the FNS National Office no later than one week prior to the expiration date. This will ensure that FNS has adequate time to consider and respond to the extension request before the current approval period expires. In the event an extension is necessary, GA DOE must include detailed information to support the continuation of this approval and describe unresolved challenges that the counties continue to face. FNS also expects GA DOE to describe steps GA DOE and the counties have taken towards resuming standard Program

operations. Should GA DOE demonstrate that additional time is warranted, FNS is prepared to provide assistance and to extend this approval as necessary.

We appreciate the efforts of GA DOE to continue operating the Child Nutrition Programs during this challenging time. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Namian, Chief, School Meals Branch at (703) 305-2634.



for

Angela Kline
Director
Policy and Program Development Division
Child Nutrition Programs

From: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hancock, Lauren \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Dickey, Derrick \(Perdue\)](#); [Derrick Dickey](#)
Subject: RE: (b) (6) --Rural America Task Force
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017 12:08:14 PM

Thanks Lauren. We have not had any further staffing convos yet but I will say that we will not be hiring for a position just on the TF. I am hoping next week to make some progress on people.

Heidi Green

U.S. Department of Agriculture

(b) (6) office

(b) (6) cell

From: Hancock, Lauren (Perdue) [mailto:Lauren_Hancock@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Dickey, Derrick (Perdue) <Derrick_Dickey@perdue.senate.gov>; Derrick Dickey (b) (6)
Subject: FW: (b) (6) --Rural America Task Force

Hey Heidi—

We forwarded along (b) (6) resume a few weeks ago--(b) (6)

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She reached out to DD a few days ago because she wanted to convey her interest in helping with the Rural America Task Force—wanted to pass along because she was curious if there was anything she could do to follow up on that.

PS—will have the letter for Tas Smith to you today as well!

Thanks,

Lauren

From: Dickey, Derrick (Perdue)
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Hancock, Lauren (Perdue) <Lauren_Hancock@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Fw: (b) (6) --Rural America Task Force

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Dickey, Derrick (Perdue)
Subject: (b) (6) --Rural America Task Force

Derrick,

I would love to work on the inter-agency Rural America Task Force at the US Department of Agriculture. (b) (6)

Please let me know how I can work on seeing if this is possible? Any advice you have would be appreciated.

Thanks, Derrick, for everything.

(b) (6)

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March 7, 2017

Mr. Stuart Bender
Designated Agency Ethics Official
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Bender:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

I am the sole owner of Perdue Properties LLC and Perdue Real Estate Holdings LLLP. These entities are dormant and have no assets and generate no income. During my appointment to the position of Secretary of Agriculture, these entities will remain dormant. I will not perform any services for these entities, except that I will comply with any requirements involving legal filings, taxes and fees that are necessary to maintain these entities while they are dormant. As Secretary of Agriculture, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of either of these entities, unless I first obtain a written waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my positions with the National Grain and Feed Association, Perdue Management Holdings LLC, the Bipartisan Policy Center Governor's Council, the Georgia Agribusiness Council, and Perdue Business Holdings, Inc. For a period of one year after my resignation from each of these entities, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know that entity is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

My wife and I are co-trustees and sole beneficiaries of the Perdue Family Revocable Management Trust, and my wife is the trustee and one of the beneficiaries of the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust, an irrevocable trust. The Perdue Family Revocable Management Trust holds all of the voting stock in Perdue Business Holdings, Inc., and the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust holds all of the non-voting stock in Perdue Business Holdings, Inc. An appointment

Mr. Stuart Bender

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committee of the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust has the power to appoint some part or all of the assets of that trust to my wife or adult non-dependent children, whether outright or in further trust.

Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will cause these trusts to be restructured such that I will revoke the Perdue Family Revocable Management Trust and transfer all of its stock in Perdue Business Holdings, Inc. into a new, irrevocable trust ("New Family Management Trust") that will not benefit me or my spouse. Neither I nor my wife will serve as trustee of the New Family Management Trust. Until the steps outlined in this paragraph are completed, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the Perdue Family Revocable Management Trust or any of its underlying holdings.

Within 90 days of my confirmation, the appointment committee for the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust will appoint all of its stock in Perdue Business Holdings, Inc. to a new, irrevocable trust ("New Wealth Preservation Trust") that will not benefit me or my spouse. Neither I nor my wife will serve as trustee of the New Wealth Preservation Trust, and the trust document for the New Wealth Preservation Trust will expressly prohibit its appointment committee from appointing trust assets to me or my spouse. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust, or any of its underlying holdings, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I currently hold a promissory note from AGrowStar, LLC, a company owned by Perdue Business Holdings, Inc. The Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust (and its successor the "New Wealth Preservation Trust") will guarantee timely payments on this promissory note. Until this promissory note has been repaid in full, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of AGrowStar, LLC, as guaranteed by the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust (and its successor the "New Wealth Preservation Trust"), to repay this note, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

I also currently hold a promissory note from the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust. Until this note has been repaid in full, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of the Perdue Family Wealth Preservation Trust to repay this note, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

If I have a managed account or otherwise use the services of an investment professional during my appointment, I will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains my prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds.

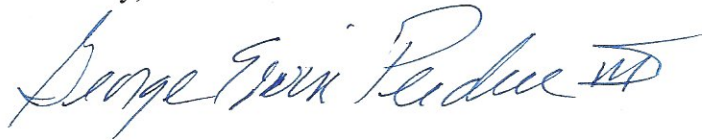
I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order no. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

Mr. Stuart Bender
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I will meet in person with you during the first week of my service in the position of Secretary of Agriculture in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will document my compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying you in writing when I have completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

I have been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Ervin Perdue III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a stylized "P" and "I".

George Ervin Perdue III

From: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: (b) (6) Resume
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 11:34:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
(b) (6) [Resume 2017.pdf](#) Attachment withheld: (b)(6)

(b) (6) I am fulfilling what I said I would do. I don't know this guy, but Becky Cecil who sent it to me is a good person and supportive of our team.

Joyce

From: Cecil, Becky (b) (6) [redacted]@Naturallyfresh.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 8:53 PM
To: White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: (b) (6) Resume

Hello Joyce,

I appreciate you sending (b) (6) Resume around your circle. I told (b) (6) I would circulate, but I didn't tell him where I'd be sending his Resume. I understand about people needing to be taken care of that worked on President Trump's campaign.

When you have some time, Patti and I would love to visit with you.

Thanks!

Becky Cecil

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A TreeHouse Foods Company

From: [Seaver Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
Subject: Re: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA
Date: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:02:21 AM
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I have not heard anything concerning the dam as of yet. I would be happy to connect you w/Commissioner Cliff Bradshaw if need be! Let me know, and Happy Monday!! Best, Andrew

Regional Representative
 Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)
 (b) (6)

Sent from iPhone

On Jun 8, 2018, at 12:26 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Have you met with anyone concerning this road and dam in Towns County? Secondly, do you know who the new commissioner is?

From: "Davis, Karen - Athens, GA" <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 at 10:11:03 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Joyce,
 Please read this and tell me if you know about it and do you know who he can contact to voice his concerns.

Karen
 Karen L. Davis
 Director, Business and Cooperative Programs
 USDA Rural Development
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 Athens, GA 30601
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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 10:07 AM
To: Davis, Karen - Athens, GA <Karen.Davis@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: USDA - Hightower #25 flood control dam, Towns County, GA

Karen,

I was able to find your mail address from the USDA website. I would like to relate a problem to you and hope you can direct me to some avenue that might get it further attention.

(b) (6). There is only one road in/out of our small community, and it traverses the top spillway of Hightower #25 Flood Control Dam, which is owned (and managed?) by the USDA. This road (Hall Creek Rd.) is an official county road, and is single-track (one-lane) gravel, over/behind the dam and extending for approximately ½-mile toward the upstream direction of the watershed valley.

During periods of extended rain, the water behind this dam rises and covers a low section of the road – making about

100-150 yards of the road impassable by vehicles until the water drains through the dam discharge. We have been stranded before for as many as two weeks, while awaiting this draining during an extended rainy period. There is an aerial section of utility electric power line (owned by Blue Ridge Mountain EMC) that was even covered by the rising water level once, which left us without electric utility service for about 1-week. The EMC raised the catenary of this line a small amount but could only do so much with the present condition and location of the aerial support poles. They stated that they would prefer to reroute the line to a location next to a relocated road, should the roadway ever be raised.

I've had much experience researching this matter and have had several past telephone discussions with both a USDA Natural Resources representative, and persons in the Georgia State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. These individuals have inferred that while this dam is on the list for attention, unfortunately there is no active project that will budget funds toward a project for condition assessment (study), much less a project that would target remediation/upgrade of the dam condition. It's my understanding that while this dam is classified as a Category 1 dam, that it does not meet Category 1 standards.

Mention has been made of water seepage at points on the dam face during high water events, other than through the discharge piping. This could indicate leakage of the earthen structure at places other than intended flow. Further, the dam discharge structure has much vegetation growing in it, which restricts flow of the discharge such that the water level is taking too long to recede.

During rainy periods, our neighbors (and my family) have experienced periods where medical emergencies required travel to municipalities, for attention and/or to obtain medication. This travel was prohibited by the lack of vehicle access during these flooding periods. Our local municipalities do not have emergency procedures in place for circumstances like this, and I'm not sure how they could aid us during such periods until the water levels recede.

I have known of rising water level events at this dam for almost 20 years now. But, it seems that frequency of the flood events has increased dramatically within the past 5 years. Over 20 years, I'm estimated I've seen probably one dozen events. However, the past 9-10 events (or so) have occurred during the last 5 years. This may be tied to present global weather conditions, but we cannot ignore the fact that it also carries increased risk and hazard.

As a community, we would implore you to take whatever action you can towards a project that would render official assessment of this dam, and a possible project to rehabilitate the dam, including relocation of the access roadway, so that it is not covered by rising water.

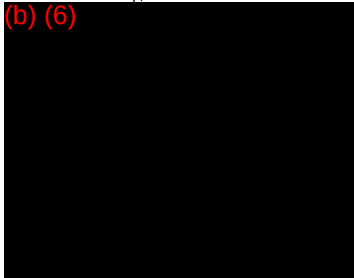
During our last local election period, I had support of our local Towns County Commissioner. But, we could not get any assistance from the area local USDA representative, nor the Ga. S.W.C.C. personnel. Indeed, any efforts by the county to rebuild the roadway must be controlled by the USDA, which we've been told will not happen soon due to lack of funding. Even planning and design must fall under approval and control by the USDA, which would involve third-party engineering contractors, before the county could even proceed with any proposed action.

Now, we now have a new county commissioner, whom I have not yet met, and I do not know of his stance on this issue. At this point, I'm not sure I need to find out, considering the game ball is in your court.

Can you help?

Sincerely,

(b) (6)



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From: [Vanvick, Caroline \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Vanvick, Caroline \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue To Visit Georgia Agriculture Leaders
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:17:33 AM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 12, 2018

CONTACTS:
[Caroline Vanvick](#), 202-224-6594
[Casey Black](#), 202-224-1324

MEDIA ADVISORY: **Senator David Perdue & Secretary Sonny Perdue To Visit** **Georgia Agriculture Leaders**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, July 13, U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will travel across Georgia to hear from farmers, foresters, researchers, and stakeholders in the agriculture industry. Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue will participate in a roundtable discussion at Lewis Taylor Farms and a stakeholder meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association with Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, before touring the UGA Griffin Campus. They will also stop for lunch in their home county of Houston.

Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black Tour Lewis Taylor Farms

WHAT: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black tour Lewis Taylor Farms and participate in a roundtable with Southwest Georgia agriculture leaders. Following the roundtable, they will hold a media availability.
WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 2018, 9:00 a.m. EDT
WHERE: 195 Ty Ty Omega Road, Tifton, Georgia 31793

Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue Hold Media Availability at the White Diamond Grill

WHAT: Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue hold a media availability outside of the White Diamond Grill.
WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 2018, 12:30 p.m. EDT
WHERE: 497 GA-247, Bonaire, Georgia 31005

Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black Participate in a Stakeholder Meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association

WHAT: Senator Perdue, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Black participate in a stakeholder meeting at the Georgia Forestry Association. Following the event, they will hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 1:30 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 551 North Frontage Road, Forsyth, Georgia 31029

Secretary Perdue and Senator Perdue Tour UGA Griffin Campus

WHAT: Senator Perdue and Secretary Perdue tour UGA Griffin's Turfgrass and Weed Science facility and receive a briefing on current research from faculty. Following the event, they will hold a media availability.

WHEN: Friday, July 13th, 3:20 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223

****NOTE: Media interested in attending must RSVP to press@oc.usda.gov by THURSDAY, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. EST.***

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From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: hart.thompson@mail.house.gov; Ada.bacetty@mail.house.gov; marydee.beal@mail.house.gov; brian.duckworth@mail.house.gov; thomas.dorney@mail.house.gov; nicholas.scoufaras@mail.house.gov; Craig.Anderson@mail.house.gov; sally.larson@mail.house.gov; caryn.hamner@mail.house.gov; susannah.johnston@mail.house.gov; zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov; gary.woodward@mail.house.gov; Dustin.Davidson@mail.house.gov; daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov; brett_layson@isakson.senate.gov; jason.lawrence@mail.house.gov; [Reed, Michael](#)
Cc: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#); [Fretz, Abbey - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Travel notification
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 2:21:37 PM

Hello All:

This Friday, September 15, 2017 the Secretary will be visiting Mason Pecans in Fort Valley, GA at 12:30PM. At 3:30PM, he will be visiting Tommy Dollar Farms in Bainbridge, GA. At both visits he will view storm damage and there will be media. If any of your bosses would like to join the Secretary at either visit, please let me know. I'll send the address info for both shortly.

Thanks,

Joby

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations



United States Department of Agriculture

Office: (b) (6)

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:37 PM
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Subject: Travel notification

All:

Wanted to send you all an initial notification that the Secretary will be traveling to GA on this Friday, September 15th to survey Hurricane Irma damage. We anticipate that he will be in middle and south Georgia. We'll follow up with more details when we have them.

-Joby



Joby Young

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From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senator David Perdue Speaks At Fort Valley State University
Date: Friday, April 5, 2019 3:34:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 5, 2019

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Senator David Perdue Speaks At Fort Valley State University

Highlights Importance Of HBCUs In Georgia's Agriculture Community

FORT VALLEY, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus and Senate Agriculture Committee, today spoke at the Fort Valley State University 37th Annual Ham & Egg Legislative Breakfast. Senator Perdue was joined by Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, Congressman Sanford Bishop (D-GA-02), and President of Fort Valley State University Dr. Paul Jones.

Last year, Senator Perdue and Congressman David Scott (D-GA-13) [secured funding](#) in the 2018 Farm Bill for agriculture-focused scholarships at Historically Black Land-Grant Colleges and Universities across the country, including Fort Valley State University.

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“As a member of the HBCU Caucus, one of my top priorities is increasing opportunities for all students to pursue the skills they need to succeed,” **said Senator Perdue.** “Agriculture is Georgia’s number one industry and a major reason why our state continues to be the best state in the country in which to do business. Last year, Congressman David Scott and I worked to secure funding in the 2018 Farm Bill for new agriculture scholarships at HBCUs across the country, including Fort Valley State University. These scholarships will help encourage diverse and qualified leadership in our agricultural community. Thanks to Dr. Paul Jones for inviting Sonny, Congressman Bishop, and myself to Fort Valley State University to highlight their work to help young Georgia farmers become the nation’s next agriculture leaders.”

“Our food and our planet should unite us all, and the federal and state officials who work together to enact policy which empowers both agricultural professionals and students are a testament to what we can accomplish by working in concert,” **said FVSU President Paul Jones.** “Governmental initiatives like the 2018 Farm Bill set the stage for Georgia and America increase their global competitiveness in the business and science of agriculture. Together we are enabling not just Fort Valley State University, but all of Georgia and the nation, to rise up and meet the challenges our future demands.”

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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

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Subject: Market Facilitation Program Announcement
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:45:17 AM

Linked below is Secretary Perdue's Market Facilitation Program announcement.

If you have questions, please let us know.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2018/08/27/usda-announces-details-assistance-farmers-impacted-unjustified>

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From: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Hutchins
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 5:40:38 PM

Great, thanks Daniel!

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 5:31 PM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Let's go with 11 thanks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Date: 11/5/18 5:29 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Would 11am or 12pm on Tuesday the 13th work?

From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Sure I'm pretty open on the 13th or 14th. What times work best on your end?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Date: 11/5/18 3:35 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Hale, Daniel (Perdue)" <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: "Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Hi Daniel,

Just wanted to follow up on this request on behalf of Mr. Hutchins. Are you available to meet next week?

Best,

Lindsay

From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Hi Daniel,

Please let me know when you're available the 13th-16th for Mr. Hutchins to stop by your office. His schedule is flexible!

Thanks,

Lindsay

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Lindsay,

Thank you for reaching out. Senator Perdue would be delighted to meet with Mr. Hutchins, but unfortunately is not available during the time requested. However, his Legislative Assistant Daniel Hale who handles these issues would be more than glad to meet with him. Please reach out to him directly at daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov to arrange a meeting. He is copied on this email as well.

Thanks again and please let me know if you have any questions.

Gabriele

GABRIELE FORSYTH
Scheduler



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From: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 3:01 PM
To: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting with nominee Hutchins

Greetings Daniel and Gabriele,

I hope you are doing well! Scott Hutchins, who is nominated to serve as Under Secretary for REE at USDA, will be in town the week of November 12th and we would like to find a time for him to sit down with the Senator. He is flexible that entire week. Could you please let me know when the Senator might be available for a brief meeting?

Best,

Lindsay



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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov; [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: SW GA Storm Report
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:00:25 PM
Attachments: [SW GA Storm Report 5-29-18.docx](#)

Daniel and Charles,

This is a brief report I received this morning on some of the storm damage in SW GA.

Charles you may have a more accurate reading since you are on the ground.

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Storm report
District 4

All offices are up and running at this time. Rainfall since Friday has ranged from 2 to 6 inches. No flooding has been reported.

Cotton and peanuts: planting is 60% complete

Corn: cloudy weather and lack of 'heat' units will affect pollination

Small grains: many acres remain unharvested and production and quality will be affected

Produce: extended period of rain has affected spring planted beans, sweet corn, and cucurbits harvest.

From: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: rachel.millard@mail.house.gov; emily_rampone@budget.senate.gov; casey_black@perdue.senate.gov; patrick.bond@mail.house.gov; jmonke@crs.loc.gov; will.bovington@mail.house.gov
Subject: Press Call regarding Assistance for Farmers Impacted by Unjustified Retaliation
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:57:41 AM

Good morning,

Our Communications office received your RSVP for the Press Call Regarding Assistance for Farmers Impacted by Unjustified Retaliation today at noon. Unfortunately, due to the limited amount of conference lines, only media outlets will be able to call in for the 1pm call. There is a call for all Ag LAs in the works- stay tuned for the information for that call. It will likely be around 5pm ET.

Best,

Lindsay



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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Hayes, Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: FW: Privacy act - RD: (b)(6)
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:05:21 PM
Attachments: [image016.png](#)
[image017.png](#)
[image019.png](#)
[image020.png](#)
[David Perdue](#) - RD: (b)(6) Privacy Act Release Attachment withheld: (b)(6)

Hi Jennifer: Just thought you would want to see that these things go full circle!

Hope you are great!

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From: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Peace, Ed - RD, Athens, GA <Ed.Peace@ga.usda.gov>; Brooks, Melodie - RD, Athens, GA <Melodie.Brooks@ga.usda.gov>; Stanek, Jack - RD, Athens GA <Jack.Stanek@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC <LeslieA.Brown@wdc.usda.gov>; White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Privacy act - RD: (b)(6)

Sorry, I've been out and just found this inquiry.

Ed and Melodie would you please look into this matter?

Jack and Joyce/ Leslie:

RD: (b)(6)
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted]

Thank you,
 -Deb

Deborah Callahan, Public Information Officer
USDA Rural Development Georgia

From: Brown, Leslie - RD, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Callahan, Deborah - RD, Athens, GA <Deborah.Callahan@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Privacy act - RD: (b)(6)

Hi Deborah.

Please see the email below regarding the pending Section 502 Single Family Housing loan application of RD: (b)(5) pre-decisional deliberative, (b) (6)

Is it possible to have the response **no later than Thursday, August 30th**?

Here's the inquiry:

"Dear Mr. Barbic,
 RD: (b)(6) contacted Senator Perdue regarding his USDA loan. Please see the information below and his privacy form attached. According to your rules and regulations, any assistance that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter. I sincerely appreciate your help.

Thank you again,
 Jennifer Hayes

I have been asked by Mr. Mark Wingate to send this e.mail to you regarding an unexpected last minute difficulty with our home mortgage from the United States Department of Agriculture in spite of an earlier approval to close on this loan this past Monday, August 20th. Your willingness to help us resolve this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Earlier today our lender, called to inform us that she spoke with Melodie Brooks within the USDA regarding our home loan for the property at RD: (b)(6). Ms. Brooks told our lender that the

USDA would not be able to approve our loan with them because RD: (b)(6)

makes us unqualified within the USDA loan income requirements.

I wanted the opportunity to explain our RD: (b)(6) situation. In the RD: (b)(6)

I appreciate you taking the time to understand our situation better and I sincerely hope the USDA will process and approve our loan RD: (b)(6)

RD: (b)(6)

Please advise.

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Subject: FW: Call TODAY with USDA: USDA Announces Details of Assistance for Farmers Impacted by Unjustified Retaliation
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 3:09:24 PM

Good afternoon,

As you've probably heard, USDA is moving forward with rollout of additional details regarding agricultural trade mitigation for farmers and ranchers. USDA will be hosting a call today at 5:30 PM ET with the opportunity for moderated Q&A with our in-house experts.

Who: USDA Call with House and Senate Agricultural Staffers

What: Discussion of USDA Trade Mitigation Package Details

When: 5:30 PM ET TODAY

In order to access the conference as a participant, dial the number below and enter the Participant Code:

Participant Dial-In: (877) 369-5243

Participant Code: (b) (6)

USDA Announces Details of Assistance for Farmers Impacted by Unjustified Retaliation

(Washington, D.C., August 27, 2018) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details regarding actions the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will take to assist farmers in response to trade damage from unjustified retaliation by foreign nations. President Donald J. Trump directed Secretary Perdue to craft a short-term relief strategy to protect agricultural producers while the Administration works on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets in the long run to help American farmers compete globally. As [announced last month](#), USDA will authorize up to \$12 billion in programs, consistent with our World Trade Organization obligations.

"Early on, the President instructed me, as Secretary of Agriculture, to make sure our farmers did not bear the brunt of unfair retaliatory tariffs. After careful analysis by our team at USDA, we have formulated our strategy to mitigate the trade damages sustained by our farmers. Our farmers work hard, and are the most productive in the world, and we aim to protect them," said Secretary Perdue.

These programs will assist agricultural producers to meet the costs of disrupted markets:

- USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will administer the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) to provide payments to corn, cotton, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean and wheat producers starting September 4, 2018. This is the first payment period. The second payment period, if warranted, will be determined by USDA.
- USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will administer a Food Purchase and Distribution Program to purchase up to \$1.2 billion in commodities unfairly targeted by unjustified retaliation. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will distribute these commodities through nutrition assistance programs such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and child nutrition programs.

- Through the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP), \$200 million will be made available to develop foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products. The program will help U.S. agricultural exporters identify and access new markets and help mitigate the adverse effects of other countries' restrictions.

"President Trump has been standing up to China and other nations, sending the clear message that the United States will no longer tolerate their unfair trade practices, which include non-tariff trade barriers and the theft of intellectual property. In short, the President has taken action to benefit all sectors of the American economy – including agriculture – in the long run," **said Secretary Perdue**. "It's important to note all of this could go away tomorrow, if China and the other nations simply correct their behavior. But in the meantime, the programs we are announcing today buys time for the President to strike long-lasting trade deals to benefit our entire economy."

Background on Market Facilitation Program:

MFP is established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and administered by FSA. For each commodity covered, the payment rate will be dependent upon the severity of the trade disruption and the period of adjustment to new trade patterns, based on each producer's actual production.

Interested producers can apply after harvest is 100 percent complete and they can report their total 2018 production. Beginning September 4th of this year, MFP applications will be available online at www.farmers.gov/MFP. Producers will also be able to submit their MFP applications in person, by email, fax, or by mail.

Eligible applicants must have an ownership interest in the commodity, be actively engaged in farming, and have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the "Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation" regulations. On September 4, 2018, the first of two MFP payment periods will begin. The second payment period, if warranted, will be determined by the CCC.

Market Facilitation Program

Commodity	Initial Payment Rate	Est. Initial Payment** (in \$1,000s)
Cotton	\$0.06 / lb.	\$276,900
Corn	\$0.01 / bu.	\$96,000
Dairy (milk)	\$0.12 / cwt.	\$127,400
Pork (hogs)	\$8.00 / head	\$290,300
Soybeans	\$1.65 / bu.	\$3,629,700
Sorghum	\$0.86 / bu.	\$156,800
Wheat	\$0.14 / bu.	\$119,200
Total		\$4,696,300

** Initial payment rate on 50% of production

The initial MFP payment will be calculated by multiplying 50 percent of the producer's total 2018 actual production by the applicable MFP rate. If CCC announces a second MFP payment period, the remaining 50 percent of the producer's total 2018 actual production will be subject to the second MFP payment rate.

MFP payments are capped per person or legal entity at a combined \$125,000 for dairy production or hogs. Payment for dairy production is based off the historical production reported for the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). For existing dairy

operations, the production history is established using the highest annual milk production marketed during the full calendar years of 2011, 2012, and 2013. Dairy operations are also required to have been in operation on June 1, 2018 to be eligible for payments. Payment for hog operations will be based off the total number of head of live hogs owned on August 1, 2018.

MFP payments are also capped per person or legal entity at a combined \$125,000 for corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans and wheat.

For more information on the MFP visit www.farmers.gov/MFP or contact your local FSA office, which can be found at www.farmers.gov.

Background on Food Purchase and Distribution Program:

The amounts of commodities to be purchased are based on an economic analysis of the damage caused by unjustified tariffs imposed on the crops listed below. Their damages will be adjusted based on several factors and spread over several months in response to orders placed by states participating in the FNS nutrition assistance programs.

Food Purchases

Commodity	Target Amount (in \$1,000s)
Apples	\$93,400
Apricots	\$200
Beef	\$14,800
Blueberries	\$1,700
Cranberries	\$32,800
Dairy	\$84,900
Figs	\$15
Grapefruit	\$700
Grapes	\$48,200
Hazelnuts	\$2,100
Kidney Beans	\$14,200
Lemons/Limes	\$3,400
Lentils	\$1,800
Macadamia	\$7,700
Navy Beans	\$18,000
Oranges (Fresh)	\$55,600
Orange Juice	\$24,000
Peanut Butter	\$12,300
Pears	\$1,400
Peas	\$11,800
Pecans	\$16,000
Pistachios	\$85,200
Plums/Prunes	\$18,700
Pork	\$558,800
Potatoes	\$44,500
Rice	\$48,100
Strawberries	\$1,500
Sweet Corn	\$2,400
Walnuts	\$34,600
Total	\$1,238,800

Program details yet to be determined

Commodity	Target Amount (in \$1,000s)
Almonds	\$63,300
Sweet Cherries	\$111,500
Total	\$174,800

Products purchased will be distributed by FNS to participating states, for use in TEFAP and other USDA nutrition assistance programs.

Purchasing:

AMS will buy affected products in four phases. The materials purchased can be adjusted between phases to accommodate changes due to: growing conditions; product availability; market conditions; trade negotiation status; and program capacity.

AMS will purchase known commodities first. By purchasing in phases, procurements for commodities that have been sourced in the past can be purchased more quickly and included in the first phase.

Vendor Outreach:

To expand the AMS vendor pool and the ability to purchase new and existing products, AMS will ramp up its vendor outreach and registration efforts. AMS has also developed flyers on how the process works and how to become a vendor for distribution to industry groups and interested parties. Additionally, AMS will continue to host a series of free webinars describing the steps required to become a vendor. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to submit questions to be answered during the webinar, or to be included in a Frequently Asked Questions document. Recorded webinars are available to review by potential vendors, and staff will host periodic Question and Answer teleconferences to better explain the process.

Product Specifications:

AMS maintains purchase specifications for a variety of commodities, which ensure recipients receive the high-quality product they expect. AMS in collaboration with FNS regularly develops and revises specifications for new and enhanced products based on program requirements and requests and will be prioritizing the development of those products impacted by unjustified retaliation. AMS will also work with industry groups to identify varieties and grades sold to China and other offshore markets such as premium apples, oranges, pears and other products. AMS will develop or revise specifications to facilitate the purchase of these premium varieties in forms that meet the needs of FNS nutrition assistance programs.

Outlets:

AMS purchases commodities for use in FNS programs such as the National School Lunch Program, TEFAP and other nutrition assistance programs. AMS is working closely with FNS to distribute products to State Agencies that participate in USDA nutrition assistance programs as well as exploring other outlets for distribution of products, as needed.

To the extent possible, FNS will identify items for distribution that are appropriate for each potential outlet. The products discussed in this plan will be distributed to States for use in the network of food banks and food pantries that participate in TEFAP, elderly feeding programs such the Commodity Supplemental Foods Program, and tribes that operate the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

These outlets are in addition to child nutrition programs such as the National School Lunch Program, which may also benefit from these purchases.

Distribution:

AMS has coordinated with the Office of the Chief Economist, FNS, Industry, and other agency partners to determine necessary logistics for the purchase and distribution of each commodity including trucking, inspection and audit requirements, and agency staffing.

Background on Agricultural Trade Promotion Program:

The FAS will administer the ATP under authorities of the CCC. The ATP will provide cost-share assistance to eligible U.S. organizations for activities such as consumer advertising, public relations, point-of-sale demonstrations, participation in trade fairs and exhibits, market research, and technical assistance. Applications for the ATP will be accepted until November 2, 2018 or until funding is exhausted. Funding should be allocated to eligible participants in early 2019. The ATP is meant to help all sectors of U.S. agriculture, including fish and forest product producers, mainly through partnerships with non-profit national and regional organizations.

<i>Agricultural Trade Promotion Program</i>	
	Est. Amount (in \$1,000s)
Ag Products Total	\$200,000

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Peter Bachmann

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To: [Forsyth, Gabriele \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp
Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:33:02 PM

Hi Gabriele- Just to clarify, will the meeting be with the Senator or with staff?

Thanks!

Lindsay

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:30 PM
To: Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lindsay.Moore@osec.usda.gov>; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>; Lightfoot, Stephanie (Perdue) <Stephanie_Lightfoot@perdue.senate.gov>
Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Thank you



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Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Hi Gabriele,

Tomorrow at 11:30am works great. Ms. Earp will be joined by Ken Barbic and/or Brock Densel. Thank you so much!

Lindsay

From: Forsyth, Gabriele (Perdue) <Gabriele_Forsyth@perdue.senate.gov>
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Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Any chance Ms. Earp could come by our office tomorrow at 11:30am?



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Cc: Densel, Brock - OSEC, Washington, DC <Brock.Densel@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting with nominee Naomi Earp

Good afternoon all,

I hope you are doing well! Naomi Earp, who has been nominated to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at USDA, will be in DC next week and would like to set up a meeting with the Senator and/or staff if possible. She will be available any time Monday through Friday. Please let me know if any of these options would work for your boss or staff. If not, I will circle back when she returns to DC and we can try again at that time.

Best,

Lindsay



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Cc: [Redding, Jody \(Isakson\)](#); [Martin, Brett - FSA, Athens, GA](#); [Clark, Jackie - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: RE: Bee Farmers
Date: Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:05:50 AM

Sounds great Charles....just call my direct line (b) (6) .

So glad the season is starting back!

From: White, Charles (Perdue) <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: Redding, Jody (Isakson) <Jody_Redding@isakson.senate.gov>; Martin, Brett - FSA, Athens, GA <Brett.Martin@ga.usda.gov>; Clark, Jackie - FSA, Athens, GA <Jackie.Clark@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Bee Farmers

Friday @ 9 is perfect!

If this is ok with you Tas I can call Jody and then the two of us will get on three way with you. Just let me know what the best number to reach you at will be. Thanks Tas

Go Dawgs!!

Charles White

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Regional Representative
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

On Aug 29, 2018, at 2:57 PM, Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Could Friday at 9:00 a.m. possibly work for a call instead of tomorrow?

Let me know if not we will get something worked out.

Tas

From: "White, Charles (Perdue)" <Charles_White@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 2:13:34 PM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Redding, Jody (Isakson)" <Jody_Redding@isakson.senate.gov>
Subject: Bee Farmers

Hey Tas,

Can Jody and I give you a call in the morning around 9 to talk about a few things regarding our bee folks down this way?

whip and indemnity payments

Just let us know.

Charles White

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Senators Perdue, Isakson To Introduce Disaster Relief Package

Will lead Senate effort to provide relief for Georgia, other states impacted by recent hurricanes, wildfires

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) announced they will introduce a stand-alone disaster relief package to provide critical funding for Georgia and other states recovering from recent natural disasters, including Hurricane Michael.

“Enough is enough. Georgia and other states across the country are hurting from historic hurricanes and devastating wildfires, and the federal government continues to drag its feet,” **said Senator Perdue, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.** “In October, President Trump and Vice President Pence both saw the devastation firsthand and promised to help Georgia and other states rebuild. It’s long past time to make good on these promises. For farmers in Georgia, it’s not a matter of putting a crop in the ground this year – it’s a matter of putting a crop in the ground ever again. I will continue to fight for disaster relief until our farmers and rural communities have the resources they need to recover.”

“The biggest immediate crisis facing Georgia today is the relief money needed for the lost agricultural products from the hurricanes that have hit here and in other states,” **said Senator Isakson.** “We are in crisis mode for our farmers and agricultural community, and we will not stop until we get needed aid for those who have suffered devastation. Additional losses grow every day we wait, and it’s far past time we fulfill the promises that were made. Supplemental disaster funding was overwhelmingly supported in funding proposals voted on earlier this year, so there shouldn’t be a reason for further delay on a supplemental disaster relief package to provide critical aid for Georgians.”

The senators plan to introduce a supplemental funding package after the U.S. Senate reconvenes on February 25 that includes \$3 billion to provide critical agriculture disaster relief for farmers recovering in the wake of Hurricane Michael, along with additional funds

for communities in Georgia and other states. Senators Perdue and Isakson have vowed to continue raising this issue in the Senate until Congress approves disaster funding.

Background:

- On November 30, 2018, Perdue and Isakson sent two letters requesting additional funding for disaster assistance for Georgians recovering after Hurricane Michael: the first letter to Senate [appropriators](#) and the second to Senate [leadership](#).
- On January 31, Perdue and Isakson [introduced](#) a supplemental agriculture disaster relief amendment to provide critical funding for Georgia and other states recovering from recent hurricane and wildfire damage.
- On February 13, Perdue and Isakson joined 11 other bipartisan senators in [sending](#) a letter to House and Senate leadership urging immediate action on a supplemental disaster relief package.

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From: [Hayes Jennifer \(Perdue\)](#)
To: [White Joyce - RD Athens GA](#)
Subject: Re: Help For Missionary Family in Haiti
Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 10:21:55 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)

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Thank you for mentioning the grants also. I will certainly keep my ears open!

I would love to see you sometime and catch up!

Yes, (b) (6). She is hoping to do some counseling over the phone. She will be great at that. (b) (6)
 Take care and keep in touch!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2019, at 9:06 PM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Oh Wow! I'll let the Wood's know you are already working this case.

I'm doing well and enjoying my new job. I do have to travel a little bit and that's different, but not bad – just different than previous jobs. I guess we all are gearing up for a journey towards 2020!

RD: (b)(6)

Let me know if you hear of any projects (hospitals, schools, nursing homes, not for profit counseling centers, sewer repairs or water lines) anything needed to help build a rural area. I'll reach out and see if USDA Rural Development has any grants or low interest loans to help these rural communities. Chris Perkins has sent me several and Kathy Burns too. It's nice to still be connected.

RD: (b)(6)

but I know there have been issues since before I left. I hope she will be happy.

Thanks for writing me back. Take care, and maybe we'll see each other soon!

JOYCE WHITE

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From: Hayes, Jennifer (Perdue) <Jennifer_Hayes@perdue.senate.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 3:28 PM

To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: Help For Missionary Family in Haiti

Hey! It is so good to hear from you! I hope you are doing well!

We are actually already working on this case. I just received their privacy form today.

Thanks so much for passing this along.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2019, at 9:11 AM, White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov> wrote:

Hey Jennifer: I hope you and your sweet family are doing well. I know you are super busy!

I also today is a holiday for all of us Federal workers So please don't feel an urgency to answer today. This case may be one that Annette works. (b) (6)

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Please let me know your thoughts.

Joyce White

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Bcc: [Jennifer.Tiller@mail.house.gov](#); [Robert_Rosado@ag.senate.gov](#); [Katherine_Thomas@ag.senate.gov](#); [Jacqlyn_Schneider@ag.senate.gov](#); [Katie_Bergh@ag.senate.gov](#); [Lisa.Shelton@mail.house.gov](#); [Kellie.Adesina@mail.house.gov](#); [Jasmine.Dickerson@mail.house.gov](#); [Dianne_Nellor@appro.senate.gov](#); [Martha.Foley@mail.house.gov](#); [Tom.O'Brien@mail.house.gov](#); [Elizabeth_Dent@appro.senate.gov](#); [katherine.stewart@mail.house.gov](#); [zaakary.barnes@mail.house.gov](#); [robert.dougherty@mail.house.gov](#); [steffanie.bezruki@mail.house.gov](#); [jeremy.tittle@mail.house.gov](#); [ben.goldeen@mail.house.gov](#); [jared.henderson@mail.house.gov](#); [will.mitchell@mail.house.gov](#); [jessie.andrews@mail.house.gov](#); [Felix.Muniz@mail.house.gov](#); [adela.amador@mail.house.gov](#); [madeline.daly@mail.house.gov](#); [lisa.walker@mail.house.gov](#); [derron.bennett@mail.house.gov](#); [molly.carey@mail.house.gov](#); [john.swords@mail.house.gov](#); [paul.babbitt@mail.house.gov](#); [joel.bailey@mail.house.gov](#); [rebekah.solem@mail.house.gov](#); [Kelliann.Blazek@mail.house.gov](#); [jennifer.cash@mail.house.gov](#); [maryam.janani@mail.house.gov](#); [javier.gamboa@mail.house.gov](#); [ed.kaczmarksi@mail.house.gov](#); [ted.verrill@mail.house.gov](#); [zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov](#); [jeff.kratz@mail.house.gov](#); [sarah.czufin@mail.house.gov](#); [ashley.bailey@mail.house.gov](#); [jim.goldenstein@mail.house.gov](#); [michael.horder@mail.house.gov](#); [allison.crittenden@mail.house.gov](#); [ashley.shelton2@mail.house.gov](#); [jimmy.ballard@mail.house.gov](#); [hannah.russell@mail.house.gov](#); [matt.blackwell@mail.house.gov](#); [kyle.pirron@mail.house.gov](#); [carley.esser@mail.house.gov](#); [john.weber@mail.house.gov](#); [thomas.mills@mail.house.gov](#); [colleen.mcgowan@mail.house.gov](#); [michael.brooks@mail.house.gov](#); [jason.cook@mail.house.gov](#); [craig.anderson@mail.house.gov](#); [joshua.woodward@mail.house.gov](#); [john.busovsky@mail.house.gov](#); [patrick_donovan@bennet.senate.gov](#); [jonathan_mccracken@brown.senate.gov](#); [adam_tarr@casey.senate.gov](#); [kevin_lefeber@durbin.senate.gov](#); [eric_deeble@gillibrand.senate.gov](#); [Adam_Schiff@smith.senate.gov](#); [brian_werner@klobuchar.senate.gov](#); [kyle_varner@ag.senate.gov](#); [skylar_sowder@boozman.senate.gov](#); [payne_griffin@braun.senate.gov](#); [meris_petek@ernst.senate.gov](#); [cicely_batie@fischer.senate.gov](#); [lauralee_burkett@fischer.senate.gov](#); [andrew_brandt@grassley.senate.gov](#); [brita_endrud@hoeven.senate.gov](#); [daniel_ulmer@hydesmith.senate.gov](#); [quentin_scholtz@mccconnell.senate.gov](#); [ben_ayres@perdue.senate.gov](#); [will_stafford@roberts.senate.gov](#); [Lynn_Tjeerdsma@thune.senate.gov](#)

Subject: Dietary Guidelines

Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:00:53 AM

Good morning,

This morning, USDA and HHS announced that the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will hold its **first public meeting** in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture on **March 28 and 29, 2019**.

This [notification](#) is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register tomorrow, March 12. Once it is published to the Federal Register, the public comment period opens allowing the public to submit comments to the Advisory Committee *throughout* their work, which is expected to last into 2020.

On **March 19, 2019** the public will be able to register at [DietaryGuidelines.gov](https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov) to attend the meeting in person or via webinar.

The independent Advisory Committee will review the scientific evidence on topics and questions from the Departments and provide a report to the Secretaries that, along with public and agency comments, will help inform USDA and HHS's development of the *2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Erin Wilson

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To: [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#); [Redding, Jody \(Isakson\)](#)
Subject: FW: Honey- NAP and Apiculture Pilot Insurance Program
Date: Friday, August 31, 2018 11:06:41 AM
Attachments: [NAP Legislation - Multiple Benefits.pdf](#)
[NAP Handbook-Multiple Benefits.pdf](#) Available online: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/1-nap_r02_a01.pdf

Jody and Charles,

Please see email from Haylie outlining the issues with multiple benefits with NAP and Apiculture Pilot Insurance Program.

Let me know if I can answer any questions.

Tas

From: Haines, Haylie - FSA, Athens, GA
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>; Martin, Brett - FSA, Athens, GA <Brett.Martin@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: Honey- NAP and Apiculture Pilot Insurance Program

Honey producers are prohibited from receiving both an NAP indemnity and Apiculture Pilot Insurance Program indemnity in the same year. If a producer did receive both benefits, a refund of one of the benefits is required.

Attached is a pdf document that provides an excerpt from the NAP originating legislation which includes the prohibition on multiple benefits. The document also includes the multiple benefits verbiage as the legislation has subsequently been amended as well as an excerpt from Handbook FCIC 18190 effective for the 2017 crop year that discusses what occurs if a producer elects not to "take" an indemnity.

The pages in the 1-NAP handbook pertaining to Multiple Benefits is attached as well.

Georgia issued 17 NAP payments for honey production losses in 2017 totaling \$695,897. The National Office is working with RMA to determine if these 17 producers also received an Apiculture Pilot Insurance Program payment. We have discovered that some have received both benefits while processing the WHIP Application.

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(h) EXCLUSIONS.—Noninsured crop disaster assistance under this section shall not cover losses due to—

- (1) the neglect or malfeasance of the producer;
- (2) the failure of the producer to reseed to the same crop in those areas and under such circumstances where it is customary to reseed; or
- (3) the failure of the producer to follow good farming practices, as determined by the Secretary.

(i) PAYMENT AND INCOME LIMITATIONS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) PERSON.—The term “person” has the meaning provided the term in regulations issued by the Secretary. The regulations shall conform, to the extent practicable, to the regulations defining the term “person” issued under section 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308).

(B) QUALIFYING GROSS REVENUES.—The term “qualifying gross revenues” means—

- (i) if a majority of the gross revenue of the person is received from farming, ranching, and forestry operations, the gross revenue from the farming, ranching, and forestry operations of the person; and
- (ii) if less than a majority of the gross revenue of the person is received from farming, ranching, and forestry operations, the gross revenue of the person from all sources.

(2) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—The total amount of payments that a person shall be entitled to receive annually under this section may not exceed \$100,000.

(3) LIMITATION ON MULTIPLE BENEFITS FOR SAME LOSS.—If a producer who is eligible to receive benefits under this section is also eligible to receive assistance for the same loss under any other program administered by the Secretary, the producer shall be required to elect whether to receive benefits under this section or under the other program, but not both.

(4) INCOME LIMITATION.—A person who has qualifying gross revenues in excess of the amount specified in section 2266(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note) (as in effect on November 28, 1990) during the taxable year (as determined by the Secretary) shall not be eligible to receive any noninsured assistance payment under this section.

(5) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue regulations prescribing such rules as the Secretary determines necessary to ensure a fair and equitable application of section 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308), the general payment limitation regulations of the Secretary, and the limitations established under this subsection.

(j) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 519 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1519) is repealed.

Fusion of Compiled NAP Language Prior to 2014 Farm Bill with 2014 Farm Bill Language**(2) Payment limitation**

The total amount of payments received, directly or indirectly, by a person or legal entity (excluding a joint venture or general partnership) for any crop year may not exceed **\$125,000**.

(3) Limitation on multiple benefits for same loss**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), if a producer who is eligible to receive benefits under this section is also eligible to receive assistance for the same loss under any other program administered by the Secretary, the producer shall be required to elect whether to receive benefits under this section or under the other program, but not both.

(B) Exception

Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to emergency loans under subtitle C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.).

(4) Adjusted gross income limitation

A person or legal entity that has an average adjusted gross income in excess of the average adjusted gross income limitation applicable under section 1308–3a(b)(1)(A) of this title, or a successor provision, shall not be eligible to receive noninsured crop disaster assistance under this section.

(5) Regulations

The Secretary shall issue regulations prescribing such rules as the Secretary determines necessary—

(A) to ensure a fair and equitable application of section 1308 of this title, the general payment limitation regulations of the Secretary, and the limitations established under this subsection; and

(B) to ensure that payments under this section are attributed to a person or legal entity (excluding a joint venture or general partnership) in accordance with the terms and conditions of sections 1308 through 1308–3a of this title, as determined by the Secretary.

(j) Omitted**(k) Service fee****(1) In general**

To be eligible to receive assistance for an eligible crop for a crop year under this section, a producer shall pay to the Secretary (at the time at which the producer submits the application under subsection (b)(1) of this section) a service fee for the eligible crop in an amount that is equal to the lesser of—

(A) \$250 per crop per county; or

(B) \$750 per producer per county, but not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer.

(2) Waiver

The Secretary shall waive the service fee required under paragraph (1) in the case of a **limited resource, beginning, or socially disadvantaged farmer**, as defined by the Secretary.

(3) Use

The Secretary shall deposit service fees collected under this subsection in the Commodity Credit Corporation Fund.

806 Multiple USDA Benefits and Dual Participation (Continued)

A. Multiple Benefits (continued)

- (4) Multiple benefits between crop insurance and FSA programs for Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), LFP, ELAP, and Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are allowed.
- (5) AIPs are required to include a multiple benefit certification statement on all acreage reporting forms.
- (6) If an insured elects not to take a Federal crop insurance indemnity, the AIP must require the insured to complete a withdrawal of claim. If an indemnity has not been paid, the insured must elect to forego any indemnity for the policy or when an indemnity has been paid, the AIP must require the insured to pay back any Federal crop insurance indemnity. If the insured elects the benefit from another USDA agency, other than the crop insurance program, the insured is still required to pay premiums due under the terms of the policy.

B. Dual Participation

Some programs prohibit producers from participating in multiple programs. These include but are not limited to: SCO and ARC on the same crop acreage; SCO and STAX on the same crop acreage; CRP and any crop insurance program on the same acreage; and FSA Margin Protection Program for Dairy and LGM-Dairy.

RMA is prohibited from offering CAT level of coverage for crops and grasses used for grazing. For example, ARPI provides forage coverage; however, coverage for grazing at a CAT level is prohibited.

NRCS easements that prohibit haying, grazing or crop production, may render acreage ineligible for the Federal crop insurance programs.

C. Compliance

In addition to reviews conducted in accordance with AIPs program administration, such as Appendix IV reviews, USDA agencies will exchange and compare crop year program participation data to identify multiple benefits or dual participation and take corrective action, as appropriate.

From: [Black, Casey \(Perdue\)](#)
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Bcc: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
Subject: Senators Perdue, Isakson Continue Fight For Agriculture Disaster Relief
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Senators Perdue, Isakson Continue Fight For Agriculture Disaster Relief

Introduce Package To Assist Farmers Recovering From Hurricane, Wildfire Damage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) introduced a supplemental disaster relief package to provide critical funding for Georgia and other states recovering from recent hurricane and wildfire damage.

“Farmers in Georgia and other states across the country are hurting from historic hurricanes and devastating wildfires,” **said Senator Perdue, member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.** “We cannot wait around for Congress to complete this year’s government funding. Federal disaster relief should be considered immediately. In October, President Trump and Vice President Pence both saw the devastation firsthand and promised to help Georgia and other states rebuild. Now, Congress has the opportunity to help them keep that promise. I will continue to fight for disaster relief until our farmers and rural communities have the resources they need to get back on their feet.”

“Georgia farmers are still recovering from natural disasters in 2017 and 2018, and they need all the support they can get,” **said Senator Isakson.** “We’ve got to help them and the other farm communities who have had natural disasters change their lives through no fault of their own, and I will keep working to get them the federal aid they need.”

This supplemental funding package will provide about \$3 billion for disaster relief across the country, including critical funds for Georgia farmers recovering in the wake of Hurricane Michael. Perdue and Isakson plan to continue raising this issue in the Senate until Congress approves disaster funding.

On November 30, 2018, Senators Perdue and Isakson sent two letters requesting additional funding for disaster assistance for Georgians recovering after Hurricane Michael: the first letter to Senate [appropriators](#) and the second to Senate [leadership](#).

Click [here](#) for full text of the amendment.

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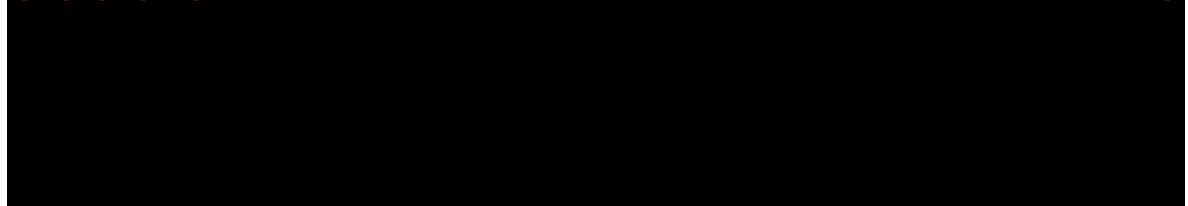
From: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [White, Joyce \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Buddy Leger (b) (6)
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:37:34 PM

I couldn't understand who called, glad he called you. Will get someone to call him and get this handled

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 3:34 PM, White, Joyce (Perdue) <Joyce.White@perdue.senate.gov> wrote:

(b)(3) (Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill)



Buddy Leger (b) (6)

I know that this belongs to someone else, but I don't know yet who to send to. I'm sorry.

Joyce

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: ben.fry@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: Friday, July 13
Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 12:56:40 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Good afternoon! I hope you had a great 4th of July. RD: (b)(6)

I know you must be slammed getting ready for the boss to arrive town, but I was wondering if you had the itinerary with times, etc. for July 13.

I have a good deal of travel this week, and so I'm just trying to get my days planned out. I'm in Tifton twice this week. Lucky me!

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From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: [charles_white@perdue.senate.gov](#)
Subject: Fwd: Honeybees and WHIP
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 3:40:48 PM

FYI-Confidential

Tas

From: "Peterson, Steve - FSA, Washington, DC" <Steve.Peterson@wdc.usda.gov>
Date: Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:30:53 AM
To: "Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA" <Tas.Smith@ga.usda.gov>
Cc: "Fordyce, Richard - FSA, Washington, DC" <Richard.Fordyce@wdc.usda.gov>, "Sayers, Kathy - FSA, Washington, DC" <Kathy.Sayers@wdc.usda.gov>, "Browne, Peggy - FSA, Washington, DC" <Peggy.Browne@wdc.usda.gov>, "Martin, Brett - FSA, Athens, GA" <Brett.Martin@ga.usda.gov>, "Haines, Haylie - FSA, Athens, GA" <haylie.haines@ga.usda.gov>, "Scruggs, Chad - FSA, Blackshear, GA" <Chad.Scruggs@ga.usda.gov>, "Wolford, Terrie - FSA, Valdosta, GA" <Terrie.Wolford@ga.usda.gov>, "Karmen, Brad - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Brad.Karmen@osec.usda.gov>, "Oneill, Sean - FSA, Washington, DC" <Sean.Oneill@wdc.usda.gov>, "Lagasse, Clay - FSA, Washington, DC" <Clay.Lagasse@wdc.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Honeybees and WHIP

Tas,

I apologize for the delay. I started a response on Friday but unfortunately got side tracked. Based on our call last week I am going to cover both the Pecan issue and Honey issue.

For honey, we are not going to retroactively allow a producer to maintain both a PRF policy and NAP coverage for 2017 or 2018. To do so opens the agency up to potential controversy regarding other producers who may now want to obtain NAP coverage retroactively for 2017 since some, but possibly not all, producers were aware that we were going to allow them to obtain both. For 2019, we are still having discussions with OGC about the legal ramifications and interpretation. I recognize the 2019 deadline is fast approaching.

With regard to the WHIP linkage requirement, a producer can obtain either NAP coverage or a PRF policy to meet the linkage requirements for WHIP. Since PRF is a pilot product a producer is not required to obtain the pilot PRF insurance policy. Obtaining NAP coverage will meet the linkage requirement.

For pecans and allowing a producer to provide 5 years of history in lieu of using the county average yield under WHIP, the decision has been made to not allow a producer to bring in 5 years of production history. It is important to note that although producers do provide their production history to their insurance agent that production is not subject to spot check nor is it shared with

RMA for ease in sharing with FSA. As a result, with the additional burden placed on our county offices to take that information and calculate an approved yield it has been decided to not recognize 5 years of actual historical production to calculate the expected yield. In the event a similar program is authorized for 2018 losses and hurricanes further consideration will be taken.

Steve

From: Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA

Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 9:23 AM

To: Peterson, Steve - FSA, Washington, DC <Steve.Peterson@wdc.usda.gov>

Cc: Fordyce, Richard - FSA, Washington, DC <Richard.Fordyce@wdc.usda.gov>; Sayers, Kathy - FSA, Washington, DC <Kathy.Sayers@wdc.usda.gov>; Browne, Peggy - FSA, Tualatin, OR <Peggy.Browne@wdc.usda.gov>; Martin, Brett - FSA, Athens, GA <Brett.Martin@ga.usda.gov>; Haines, Haylie - FSA, Athens, GA <haylie.haines@ga.usda.gov>; Scruggs, Chad - FSA, Blackshear, GA <Chad.Scruggs@ga.usda.gov>; Wolford, Terrie - FSA, Valdosta, GA <Terrie.Wolford@ga.usda.gov>

Subject: Honeybees and WHIP

Good morning Steve,

Hope you are doing well.

The deadline for the RI policy is November 15th. The NAP application closing date for honey is Dec 1st. We need some clarification on the linkage requirement and the multiple benefits exclusion so that the beekeepers can decide if they will complete their WHIP application.

If you need any further information, feel free to contact Brett or Haylie in the State Office or District Director Chad Scruggs and Terrie Wolford, the CED in Lowndes County who handles most of the NAP bee policies.

Thank you for your assistance.

Tas

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From: [Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Derrick Dickey](#)
Subject: Fwd: Advisory: Secretary Perdue in Georgia TODAY
Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:56:51 PM

Derrick, this came together late this morning, don't know if your boss is able to join or not, but obviously would be most welcome (it's also possible the Secretary or Commissioner has reached out directly to him as well).

Ken Barbic
 Assistant Secretary
 Office of Congressional Relations
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Cell: (b) (6)

From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:55:13 PM
To: Jason Lawrence
Subject: Fwd: Advisory: Secretary Perdue in Georgia TODAY

Jason, this came together late this morning, don't know if your boss is able to join or not, but obviously would be most welcome (it's also possible the Secretary or commissioner Black have reached out directly to him as well).

Ken Barbic
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From: Barbic, Ken - OSEC, Washington, DC <ken.barbic@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Reed, Michael
Subject: Fwd: Advisory: Secretary Perdue in Georgia TODAY

Michael, this came together late this morning, don't know if your boss is able to join or not, but obviously would be most welcome (it's also possible the Secretary has reached out directly to him as well).

Ken

Ken Barbic
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From: USDA Office of Communications <usda@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:15:16 PM
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Subject: Advisory: Secretary Perdue in Georgia TODAY

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Advisory: Secretary Perdue in Georgia TODAY

(Washington, D.C., October 14, 2018) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will be in Georgia TODAY, October 14th. Secretary Perdue and Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black will take an aerial tour of damage caused by Hurricane Michael, visit a farmer's market, and meet with affected farmers and producers.

Secretary Perdue to visit Cordele Farmer's Market

WHAT: Secretary Perdue will visit a farmer's market near Cordele, Georgia with Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black. They will visit with farmers and producers affected by Hurricane Michael.

WHEN: TODAY, Sunday, October 14th beginning at 3:45pm ET

WHERE: 1901 U.S. Highway 41 North, Cordele, GA 31015

*** NOTE: Media interested in attending any event must RSVP topress@oc.usda.gov by TODAY, October 14th at 3:00pm ET.**

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From: [Wilson, Erin E. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Fink, Katherine - FNS](#); [Carter, Scott - FNS](#); [Wilson II, Anthony - FNS](#); [Madias, Joanna - FNS](#)
Bcc: [Jennifer.Tiller@mail.house.gov](#); [yasmin.rey@mail.house.gov](#); [Lisa.Shelton@mail.house.gov](#); [Kellie.Adesina@mail.house.gov](#); [Robert.Rosado@ag.senate.gov](#); [Katherine.Thomas@ag.senate.gov](#); [Jacqlyn.Schneider@ag.senate.gov](#); [katie_bergh@ag.senate.gov](#); [katie_naessens@ag.senate.gov](#); [Martha.Foley@mail.house.gov](#); [tom.obrien@mail.house.gov](#); [Elizabeth.Dent@appro.senate.gov](#); [Dianne.Nellor@appro.senate.gov](#); [hart.thompson@mail.house.gov](#); [joseph.layman@mail.house.gov](#); [marydee.beal@mail.house.gov](#); [brian.duckworth@mail.house.gov](#); [thomas.dorney@mail.house.gov](#); [ben.jordon@mail.house.gov](#); [nicholas.scoufaras@mail.house.gov](#); [Craig.Anderson@mail.house.gov](#); [sally.larson@mail.house.gov](#); [caryn.hamner@mail.house.gov](#); [susannah.johnston@mail.house.gov](#); [zellie.duvall@mail.house.gov](#); [ashley.smith1@mail.house.gov](#); [jason.murphy@mail.house.gov](#); [Jack.Overstreet@isakson.senate.gov](#); [daniel.hale@perdue.senate.gov](#)
Subject: USDA Approves GA Disaster Waiver
Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 7:35:01 PM
Attachments: [GA-ExtendCertificationPeriods-Approval-FY19.pdf](#)

Good evening,

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved Georgia's request to extend certification periods and waiver periodic reporting requirements for ongoing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households in Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Worth counties due to impacts from Hurricane Michael.

The State agency may extend certification periods for households scheduled to expire in November and December 2018 for 6 months until May and June 2019. The State agency may also waive the periodic reporting requirements for ongoing households in the approved areas.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Erin Wilson

Office of Congressional Relations
 United States Department of Agriculture

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NOV 06 2018

Subject: Georgia Request to Extend Certification Periods and Waive Reporting Requirements Due to Hurricane Michael – Approval

To: Tim English
Acting Regional Administrator
Southeast Regional Office

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves Georgia's request to extend certification periods and waive periodic reporting requirements for ongoing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households in the following 20 counties for 2 months due to the impact of Hurricane Michael: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Worth.

President Donald J. Trump issued a major disaster declaration and subsequent amendments designating these areas as eligible for Federal individual assistance.

FNS approves the State agency's request to waive the certification provisions of section 3(f) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act) and SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.10(f)(5). The State agency may extend certification periods for households scheduled to expire in November and December 2018, for 6 months until May and June 2019, respectively. The State agency estimates that approximately 16,629 households will be affected.

FNS also grants the State agency's request to waive the periodic reporting requirements of section 6(c)(1)(D)(i) of the Act, and SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.10(f)(1) and 7 CFR 273.12(a)(5)(iii)(B) for ongoing households in the approved areas.

FNS approves this request due to the adverse impact Hurricane Michael has caused to both ongoing households and program operations throughout the State. This waiver will ensure ongoing households continue to receive crucial nutrition assistance, allow the State agency to sustain timely processing for ongoing households and new applicants, and alleviate the administrative burden of the State agency as it plans to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

- The State must notify households impacted by this approval and continue to comply with the notice requirements at 7 CFR 273.10(f)(5).
- SNAP Quality Control will review against the terms of this waiver and in accordance with FNS Handbook 310.

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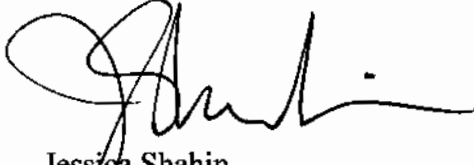
Tim English
Page 2

- The State agency will notify FNS if it wishes to implement this waiver in additional counties.
- The State agency will submit a request to FNS for approval if it wishes to extend this waiver beyond the initial period.

Authority

FNS is approving this request under the authority in section 412 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and section 5(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Shahin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jessica Shahin
Associate Administrator
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

From: [Smith, Tas - FSA, Athens, GA](#)
To: daniel_hale@perdue.senate.gov; [White, Charles \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: UGA-FSA Grower Meetings
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 8:48:46 AM
Attachments: [UGA-FSA Meetings Sept 2018.docx](#)

Daniel and Charles,

Hope you are doing well.

Wanted to make sure you had the attached information regarding the UGA-FSA grower meetings on the new programs FSA is implementing on disaster, Seed Cotton, and tariffs. Please feel free to distribute as you see fit.

We will have an official flyer available next week. Hope you can join us.

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9:30-11am

1300 E. River Road, Bainbridge, GA 39817

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Perry

2:45-4:15pm

801 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069

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Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Statesboro

9:30-11am

151 Langston Chapel Road, Statesboro, GA 30458

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Tifton

3:00-4:30pm

15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31794

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Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Cartersville

9:30-11am

Stiles Auditorium - 320 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA 30120

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Watkinsville

3:00-4:30pm

Jay Phil Campbell Building, 1420 Experiment Station Road & Government Station Road,
Watkinsville, GA 30677

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Ziesenhene, Greg \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: Re: Follow-up re request: Houston Home Journal (Cheri Adams)--Interview(s) w/ Sen Perdue & AgSec Perdue
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:44:34 PM

That's great! Thanks for the heads up.

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From: "Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)" <Greg.Ziesenhene@perdue.senate.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 11:47:59 AM
To: "White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA" <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow-up re request: Houston Home Journal (Cheri Adams)--Interview(s) w/ Sen Perdue & AgSec Perdue

Hey Joyce! The Houston Home Journal (HHJ) would like to do a "joint" feature story on the Senator & the Secretary. They are currently in contact with our Comms Staff.
 See note below.

For your awareness: I gave Publisher Cheri Adams your name and e-mail address as an "initial" point of contact for the Secretary's Office.

HHJ Contact information:

Cheri Adams, Publisher

(b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto:(b) (6)@hhjnews.com)

Houston Home Journal Office

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478-987-1823, ext. (b) (6)

From: Ziesenhene, Greg (Perdue)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:37 AM
To: (b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto:(b) (6)@hhjnews.com) (b) (6) [@hhjnews.com](mailto:(b) (6)@hhjnews.com)
Subject: Follow-up re request: Houston Home Journal (Cheri Adams)--Interview(s) w/ Sen Perdue & AgSec Perdue

Hey Cheri!

For your awareness, I sent a note to our Comms Team regarding your request to move forward and begin the coordination process to setup interviews or an interview, understanding that a "single joint interview" is "preferred," for a proposed "joint" feature story on Senator David Perdue & AG Secretary Sonny Perdue.

Understand, that you've had some contact with our office (Jenni) on this since we spoke last

week.

If you need an “initial” point of contact for AgSec Sonny Perdue’s Office, I’d recommend Ms. Joyce White, GA Director of Rural Development.

Joyce can connect you to the proper point of contact in DC for AgSec Perdue’s Staff

Her e-mail address: joyce.white@ga.usda.gov

Very respectfully,

Greg Z

Work Mobile: (b) (6)

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Regional Representative, Middle Georgia

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From: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov
Subject: Fwd: Tallulah River/Tate City Road
Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 8:34:31 AM
Attachments: [S18042510290.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Hey Joyce, Great seeing you on Friday !! Here is the letter from commissioner Bradshaw detailing the issues w/forest service rd. Thanks for the help!! And hope you had a great weekend!! Best, Andrew

Regional Representative
Office of United States Senator David A Perdue (R-GA)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6)
Date: April 25, 2018 at 11:44:08 AM EDT
To: "Seaver, Andrew \ (Perdue\)" <Andrew_Seaver@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Please find a letter Commissioner Bradshaw has written to Senator Perdue concerning the Forest Service owned Road in the Tate City Community. Please let the commissioner know if the senator needs any further information or has any questions.

His cell number is (b) (6) and his office number is (b) (6).

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Thank you,

Andrea Anderson

Finance Director

Towns County

(b) (6)

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April 24, 2018

Sent via email: Andrew_seaver@perdue.senate.gov
Senator David Perdue
3280 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30305

RE: Tallulah River/Tate City Road

Dear Senator Perdue:

I am requesting your assistance with an issue on which my office has received several complaints. The issue concerns the maintenance and upkeep of the Forest Service -owned Tallulah River/Tate City Road located in both Rabun and Towns County, Georgia.

The road is extremely important not only to the fifty (50) residents of the Tate City Community but also serves as the entrance to the three Forest Service Campgrounds in that area as well as gives access for the numerous citizens that enjoy the recreational activities i.e. fishing, hunting, hiking, swimming, and rafting and the groups who enjoy the beauty of the natural flora and wildlife in the area.

I have personally driven the length of the road to observe the accuracy of the complaints I have received and have determined that the Forest Service portion of the road is in dire need of attention and is approaching the level of impassable. Towns County's portion of the road has been and will continue to be maintained. As Commissioner, I understand the difficulty in maintaining a balanced budget in an economical and conservative manner, while still ensuring that services and the needs of the citizens are being met. However, I am asking for assistance to ensure that funds be made available as soon as possible to Forest Service District Ranger Ryan Foote for this essential road repair and the necessary amounts be allotted each year to ensure the continued upkeep.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this matter. Please feel free to contact my office for any further information or questions.

Sincerely,



Cliff Bradshaw
Commissioner, Towns County

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hale, Daniel \(Perdue\)](#)
Cc: [Giles, Misty - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Animal disease program
Date: Monday, October 30, 2017 4:49:02 PM

Hi Daniel,

Happy to help. Misty copied to help facilitate.

Joby Young

Chief of Staff – Office of Congressional Relations



United States Department of Agriculture

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From: Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <Joby.Young@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Animal disease program

Hey Joby, per our discussion we're trying to get some background from APHIS on their abilities to prevent animal disease spreads with their current resources. We've had some inquiries about legislation to create an Animal Pest and Disease Disaster Prevention and Response Program within the Animal Health Protection Act that would be modelled after the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program which was added to the Plant Protection Act in the 2008 farm bill. I appreciate you looking into this.

Daniel Hale

Legislative Assistant

Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

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From: [Seaver, Andrew \(Perdue\)](#)
To: joyce.White@ga.usda.gov
Subject: FW: Tallulah River/Tate City Road
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:58:08 PM
Attachments: [S18042510290.pdf](#) Attachment withheld as duplicate

Hey Joyce, Hope you had a good weekend! Here is the letter from Commissioner Bradshaw that I spoke about Friday (on your voicemail). Give me a call when you get a chance. (b) (6)

Andrew

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Finance Director

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From: [Moore, Lindsay - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
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Subject: Invitation- Breakfast with Secretary Perdue and Georgia Delegation
Date: Thursday, November 1, 2018 9:57:45 AM

Good morning,

Secretary Perdue cordially invites the Members of the Georgia delegation to breakfast at the US Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, November 14th at 8:30am. The breakfast will be a great chance for the Delegation to catch up with Secretary Perdue and discuss current priorities.

The breakfast will be held in the Whitten Building, [1400 Jefferson Drive SW](#). The Member must enter through the Jefferson Drive entrance facing the National Mall, directly across from the American History museum. The breakfast is Members only.

If possible, please let me know by the end of the day tomorrow, November 2nd, if your boss is likely able to attend or unable to attend.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,

Lindsay



Lindsay Moore

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From: [Waldrop, PJ \(Perdue\)](#)
To: Joby.young@osec.usda.gov
Subject: Do you have a minute?
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:50:40 AM

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Thanks,

PJ Waldrop
Deputy Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator David Perdue
202-224-3521

From: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Buddy Leger](#)
Cc: [Joyce White](#)
Subject: Re: FSA Information
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:31:06 AM

Buddy, glad to hear that they reached out to you. Steve said that you were having cell phone issues so I just wanted to make sure that they had made contact when I called yesterday. Miss you and hope you are doing well.

Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 7:21 AM, Buddy Leger (b) (6) @legerandson.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

I wanted to thank you both for your assistance with a contact for FSA. We were able to speak with someone yesterday and they provided the information we needed.

Sincerely,

Buddy Leger

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From: [White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA](#)
To: [Burns, Kathy \(Perdue\)](#)
Subject: RE: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 11:28:21 AM

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I'm not sure of Eggs and Issues yet. I hope I get an invite, but not sure. I worked very, very hard to get the Senator an opening to speak at Eggs and Issues last year and he was then not able to do so because of all that was going on in DC.

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 10:10 AM
To: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA <Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

Hi Joyce!

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You will soon get to know your new team, and they will soon understand your work ethic and that you truly care for each of them and their well being. That's who you are and we were so lucky to have your leadership and having you always going to bat for us!

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If you are ever heading this way or attending a meeting I can join you at please let me know! Will you be attending Eggs and Issues in Atlanta on 10 January?

Congratulations again Joyce and Happy New Year!

Best always
 Kathy



Kathy Burns
 West Central Georgia Regional Representative

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From: White, Joyce - RD, Athens, GA [mailto:Joyce.White@ga.usda.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

Hey! Thanks so much for sharing. As I look across these events, it makes me remember some of the fights I went through trying to get these items on the schedule! So good to see them in hind sight and to know they are considered valuable.

I pray your 2018 is off to a great start. I miss my old teammates, but am adjusting to a new group. I have 110 employees so getting to know them all will take time, but they are a good group. Being a White House appointee, I see that I have to earn their trust. I guess every time the President changes and a new appointee is chosen, then they have to go through a learning curve. It's kind of crazy how it works – but it does work and it is necessary to get the President's and the Secretary's goals accomplished.

I know you guys are doing great work, and every time I see a headline or a news clip, I am proud of all that Senator Perdue and the team are accomplishing.

Take care and Happy New Year!

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From: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) [mailto:Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 1, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Burns, Kathy (Perdue) <Kathy_Burns@perdue.senate.gov>
Subject: Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

Hello,

I would like to share the email below from Senator Perdue.

Happy New Year!

Very Respectfully,
 Kathy Burns



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 December 29, 2017

Senator David Perdue: 2017 In Photos

ATLANTA, GA – U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA) shared a look at his third year as an outsider in the U.S. Senate

working to shake things up and get results for Georgians and the American people.

Download the entire gallery [here](#).

1. **January 20, 2017:** Attending President Trump's inauguration with Senators Thom Tillis and Joni Ernst.

2. **February 9, 2017:** Meeting with Judge Neil Gorsuch, who the Senate later confirmed as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



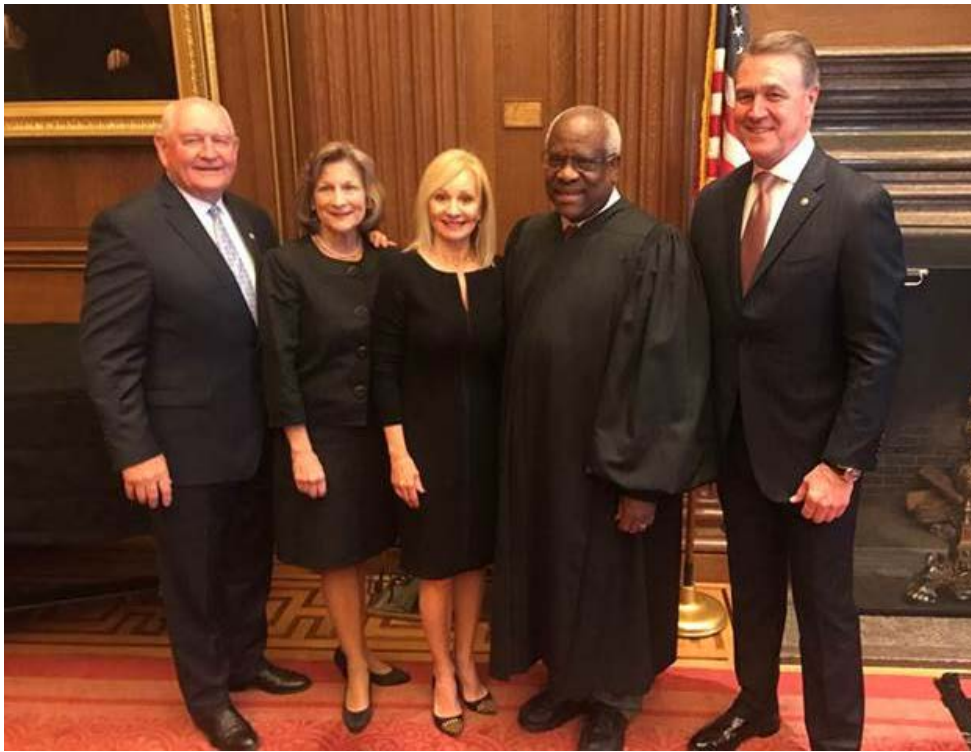
3. **April 12, 2017:** Touring the 1-85 bridge rebuild effort with GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry.



4. **April 13, 2017:** Thanking law enforcement officers in Glennville at the 30th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Cookout hosted by Wayne Dasher.



5. **April 25, 2017:** Witnessing my cousin, Sonny, be sworn in as the 31st U.S. Secretary of Agriculture by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Clarence Thomas.



6. **June 9, 2017:** Hosting a send-off breakfast in honor of the 20 Georgians nominated and appointed to U.S. Service Academies.



7. **June 27, 2017:** Attending a Sunset Parade at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.



8. **July 4, 2017:** Celebrating Independence Day with our troops in Afghanistan.



9. **July 11, 2017:** Urging the Senate to work through the regularly scheduled August state work period in order to get results for Georgians and the American people.



10. **August 2, 2017:** Introducing the RAISE Act, a pro-worker, pro-growth plan to solve our country's immigration problems, with President Trump and Senator Tom Cotton at the White House. *(courtesy of the White House)*



11. **August 25, 2017:** Greeting Georgians attending the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Conference in Atlanta.



12. **October 4, 2017:** Introducing Tripp Self, President Trump's nominee to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, in his confirmation hearing alongside Senator Isakson.



13. **November 7, 2017:** Highlighting the importance of changing our tax code with Senior Trump Administration officials, grassroots leaders, and other senators.



14. **December 6, 2017:** Hosting Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson, leaders from Robins Air Force Base, and members of the Warner Robins community to celebrate Robins' successes and highlight its many assets.



15. **December 20, 2017:** Marking an historic achievement at the White House after voting to pass a tax bill that provides real relief to working Americans and makes America competitive with the rest of the world.



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Senator Perdue is the only Fortune 500 CEO in Congress and is serving his first term in the United States Senate, where he represents Georgia on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Agriculture Committees.

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From: [Osterlind, Anna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: Daniel_Hale@perdue.senate.gov
Subject: TODAY: Broadband Event
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018 9:36:30 AM

Hi Daniel,

I wanted to flag that Secretary Perdue will be making an announcement about rural broadband today. I know it's a tough day for scheduling, but we would love if your boss was able to join for the event. Details are below. Don't hesitate to give me a call at the number below if you have any questions.

Secretary Perdue to Announce Initiative for Rural e-Connectivity and Host a Press Conference

WHAT: Secretary Perdue will deliver remarks announcing a USDA initiative in rural e-connectivity. Following, Secretary Perdue will host a press conference at **2:20 pm ET in room 108A.**

WHEN: TODAY, December 13th beginning at 2:00 pm ET, Press Conference beginning at 2:20pm ET

WHERE: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Press Briefing Room 107A, 1400 Jefferson Dr. SW, Washington, D.C.

Note that Members will have an opportunity to participate in a press gaggle after the event. Staff is welcome at the event as well.

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