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Mr. Tom Vilsack, Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
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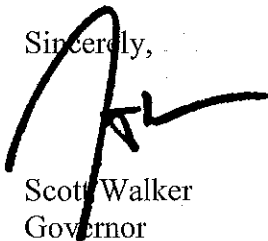
Dear Secretary Vilsack:

I request that you issue a Secretarial Disaster Designation for the following Wisconsin counties that have suffered crop losses due to frost and freezing temperatures in May 2016: Chippewa, Columbia, Eau Claire, Jackson, Jefferson, Pierce, Polk, Sauk, St. Croix, and Trempealeau.

These counties experienced frost and freezing temperatures that were recorded the nights of May 13-14, 2016, with temperatures as low as 25 degrees. As a result, fruit crops were affected, including apples and other perennial crops that had begun to blossom or bud. All counties impacted experienced harvest losses of 30% or greater for apples, asparagus, blueberries, hops, and strawberries.

Wisconsin producers are in need of assistance from USDA to help them deal with their losses. I ask that you respond quickly with the designation so that the affected producers may obtain relief.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker
Governor