

# ***GREENWOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES***

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## **Greenwood County Included in USDA Approved Secretarial Disaster Designation**

**Greenwood, SC:** Greenwood County farmers who were hard hit by the spring and summer rains have federal assistance on the way. Per a South Carolina Department of Agriculture media release dated August 28, 2013, the Federal Department of Agriculture has approved the state's request for a Secretarial disaster declaration. Thirty-six counties were designated as primary disaster counties while the remaining ten were designated contiguous counties.

The declaration means farmers in Greenwood impacted by the rains can apply for low interest loans from the local Federal Farm Service Agencies. Greenwood County farmers will use the agency located in Abbeville County. Those interested should call Mr. Robert Parris, Farm Loan Manager, at (864) 814-2471 extension 109, to enquire about qualifications for the loan as well as application procedures. Farmers have eight months from August 28<sup>th</sup> to apply for the loan.