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The Honorable Ann M. Veneman
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

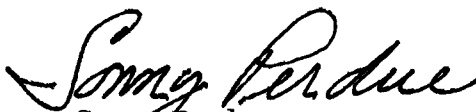
Dear Secretary Veneman:

As you may know, farmers throughout Georgia experienced agricultural damage from high winds and continuing excessive rains due to Hurricane Ivan and its accompanying thunderstorms and tornadoes that passed through our state beginning September 15, 2004 and continuing through September 17, 2004.

For that reason, I am requesting you to direct the Georgia State Emergency Board to prepare Damage Assessment Reports for all Georgia counties in order to begin the process toward a possible USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation for Georgia.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Sonny Perdue

SP: hdm

cc: The Honorable Tommy Irvin, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture
Steve Newton, Georgia Farm Service Agency
Michael Sherberger, Director, Georgia Emergency Management Agency