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**BOARD OF  
EQUALIZATION**

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Leland E. Beasley

being duly sworn according to law, says that --he is the  
Publisher

of the Ozark Headliner, a newspaper printed and published in the County of Christian, State of Missouri; that said newspaper is, and during the period of the publication of attached notice was, a newspaper of general circulation in said county which had been submitted to the postoffice as second-class matter in the city of publication; that said newspaper had been published regularly and consecutively for a period of more than three years prior to the said publication; that said newspaper had and now has a list of bona fide subscribers voluntarily engaged as such, who have paid or agreed to pay a stated price for a subscription for a definite period of time; that the notice hereto attached was published and appeared in the said newspaper once a week on the same day of each week as hereafter stated; and that the newspaper has complied with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Missouri approved April 28, 1937, and found in Section 493.050, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1978; and that the notice hereto annexed was published in said paper --

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Leland Beasley  
Affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd  
day of July 1982

Bonnie Hursh  
Notary Public

My term expires 198

BONNIE HURSH  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MISSOURI  
CHRISTIAN CO.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN 25 1985

**NOTICE**

The County Board of Equalization for Christian County will meet at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Monday, July 12, 1982, and Tuesday, July 13, 1982, at the County Courtroom in the Court-house and at that time shall hear complaints and equalize the valuation and assessments upon all real and tangible personal property taxable by the County.

7-1-82

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JUNIOR C. COMBS,  
COUNTY CLERK  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MO.

REPORT OF NATURAL DISASTER  
FOR CONSIDERATION IN DESIGNATING  
EMERGENCY LOAN AREA

TO: Christian County Court  
Courthouse  
Ozark, MO 65721

State:	Missouri
County Affected:	Christian
Federal Regional Council Number:	
Date of Report:	August 21, 1975

A. Date(s) of Disaster:

June 15, 1975 to present

B. TYPE OF NATURAL DISASTER:

x	1. DROUGHT	5. EXCESSIVE RAINFALL	9. MAJOR OUTBREAKS OF ANIMAL DISEASE (TYPE)	
	2. SNOWSTORM	6. HAILSTORM		
	3. FLOOD	7. BLIZZARD AND FREEZE		10. TORNADOE
	4. WINDSTORM	8. HURRICANE		11. OTHER

12. Brief description of natural disaster, giving area of county affected:

Drought affected approximately 90% of the county

C. Number of farmers in county: 2,000 Approximate number of farmers affected 1,800  
Percentage of farmers affected: 90 %

D. Acreage of farmland in county: 168,000 Approximate acreage of farmland affected 151,200  
Percentage of farmland affected: 90 %

E. CROPS: List of all principal commercial crops produced in county and extent of damage to each:

Crop	Importance as a major source of income	Extent of Damage
Pasture 122,550 A.	\$2,451,000	50%
Hay 38,400 A.	2,400,000	50%
Wheat 4,500 A.	352,800	5%
Corn 1,800 A.	297,000	90%
Grain sorghum 500 A.	37,500	50%
*Soybeans 250 A.	28,750	?

2. Remarks

\*It is too early to estimate the percent of damage to soybeans at this time.

The figures are from the best information available at this time.

F. LIVESTOCK: 1. List of all principal commercial livestock enterprises in county and extent of damage to each:

Type of Livestock	Importance as a major source of income	Extent of Losses
Beef	\$5,287,000	?
Dairy	4,215,000	?
Hogs	840,200	?

2. Remarks:

Assessment as to extent of loss cannot be determined at this time

G. FARM BUILDINGS: 1. List by Types

Type of Farm Buildings	Total Number Damaged	Degree of Damage (Numbers)		
		Destroyed	Major Damage	Minor Damage
Farm Homes				
NA				

2. Remarks:

H. FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT: 1. List by Types

Type of Farm Machinery and Equipment	Total Number Damaged	Degree of Damage (Numbers)		
		Destroyed	Major Damage	Minor Damage
NA				

2. Remarks:

I. LAND DAMAGED: Description and extent of damage and losses to farmland, fences, timber, drainage, irrigation systems, and etc.:

NA

J. OTHER LOSSES: Description and extent of losses to feed, farm supplies, household goods, and personal possessions:

K. EXPRESSIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AGRICULTURAL LEADERS, FARMERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AS A RESULT OF THE NATURAL DISASTER:

Charles Stine, dairyman, is of the opinion that the situation is serious and that additional agriculture credit will be needed.

The FmHA Area Committee is of the opinion that agriculture credit will be needed in the county.

Rudy Hicks, FGA representative in Christian County, states that due to the drought condition agriculture credit would be needed for 5 of their customers.

John Sullivan, FLB, states that 15 of their customers would need agriculture credit.

Frank Thomas, farmer, states that several of his neighbors are in serious condition due to lack of hay and pasture because of the drought and low prices and is of the opinion that agriculture credit would be needed.

Mr. Forgey, loan officer Ozark Bank states that due to the drought conditions approximately 7 of their customers would need agriculture credit.

It is estimated that approximately 12 OL and FO borrowers will qualify for Emergency loans.

L. EXPRESSION OF LOCAL LENDERS: (Attach letters or documents, specific quotes or statements as Exhibit A)  
Exception: See paragraph 1 of Missouri Bulletin 1500(441) dated 8/15/75

M. REPORT OF COUNTY USDA EMERGENCY BOARD (Copy of minutes of meeting attached as Exhibit B)

N. REPORT OF COUNTY GOVERNING BODY:  
 YES (Attached as Exhibit C) ..  NO

O. ESTIMATE NUMBER OF EM LOANS LIKELY TO BE MADE: 39

P. APPROXIMATE DATE FARMERS WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR EM LOANS: Now

Q. COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The damage to pastures and roughages has been very extensive, with some isolated exceptions. Due to the drought conditions most of the livestock operators and producers of livestock products have had to start feeding roughage and/or reduce livestock numbers. Several operators are in the process of trying to locate hay to buy because, due to the drought, did not have a normal production of hay.

DATE: August 21, 1975

ACTING  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

*Walter A. Stephens*

R. STATE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: I concur - do not concur in this request.

Remarks:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

S. USDA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS: I concur - do not concur in this request.

Remarks:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

USDA Regional Representative  
Federal Regional Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A: Letters from local lenders
- Exhibit B: Minutes of USDA Emergency Board Meeting
- Exhibit C: Request from County Governing Body

REPORT OF NATURAL DISASTER  
FOR CONSIDERATION IN DESIGNATING  
EMERGENCY LOAN AREA

TO: Christian County Court  
Ozark, MO 65721

State: Missouri
County Affected: Christian
Federal Regional Council Number:
Date of Report: September 9, 1974

A. Date(s) of Disaster: Drought 6/11/74 thru 7/31/74  
Excessive rainfall 6/1/74 thru 6/11/74  
Freeze 2/4 - 6/15 Average temperature for the Month - 28 degrees.

B. TYPE OF NATURAL DISASTER:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. DROUGHT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. EXCESSIVE RAINFALL	9. MAJOR OUTBREAKS OF ANIMAL DISEASE (TYPE)
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	3. FLOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. BLIZZARD AND FREEZE	10. TORNADOE
	4. WINDSTORM		8. HURRICANE	11. OTHER

12. Brief description of natural disaster, giving area of county affected:

- From June 11 thru the month of July 1.87" of rain
- First 11 days in June 5.79" of rain.
- February 4, 6, and 15 heavy glaze. Average temperature for the month 28 degrees. March 21 thru 25 heavy freeze

C. Number of farmers in county: 2,350      Approximate number of farmers affected 2,350  
Percentage of farmers affected: 100 %

D. Acreage of farmland in county: 168,000      Approximate acreage of farmland affected 168,000  
Percentage of farmland affected: 100 %

E. CROPS: List of all principal commercial crops produced in county and extent of damage to each:

Crop	Importance as a major source of income		Extent of Damage
Pasture	133,000	532,000	75%
Hay	30,000	3,000,000	50%
Corn	1,400	229,320	95%
Wheat	1,200	162,000	50%
Silage	1,500	225,000	50%
Grain sorghum	900	94,500	60%

2. Remarks

F. LIVESTOCK: 1. List of all principal commercial livestock enterprises in county and extent of damage to each:		
Type of Livestock	Importance as a major source of income	Extent of Losses
Dairy	7,131,000	125% production loss
Beef	5,287,000	125% production loss

2. Remarks:

G. FARM BUILDINGS: 1. List by Types				
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2. Remarks:



I. LAND DAMAGED: Description and extent of damage and losses to farmland, fences, timber, drainage, irrigation systems, and etc.:

J. OTHER LOSSES: Description and extent of losses to feed, farm supplies, household goods, and personal possessions:  
Due to the late freeze forage crops were retarded causing late maturity then spring rains prevented harvesting for the best quality and reduced the quality of the forage that was harvested because of excess moisture. The prolonged drought has reduced second and third cuttings and in some cases complete losses which will necessitate re-establishment of the crop. Pastures have been severely damaged due to the drought reducing the carrying capacity. This is requiring the farmers to start feeding short hay supplies several months before normal.

K. EXPRESSIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AGRICULTURAL LEADERS, FARMERS, AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AS A RESULT OF THE NATURAL DISASTER:

The County Committee is of the opinion that agricultural credit is needed in the county. A combination of events has brought about this need. The various disaster, as indicated in Paragraph B of this report, plus the low margin of profit and in some cases no profit, has created a need for agricultural credit.

L. EXPRESSION OF LOCAL LENDERS: (Attach letters or documents, specific quotes or statements as Exhibit A)

M. REPORT OF COUNTY USDA EMERGENCY BOARD (Copy of minutes of meeting attached as Exhibit B)

N. REPORT OF COUNTY GOVERNING BODY:  
 YES (Attached as Exhibit C)  NO

O. ESTIMATE NUMBER OF EM LOANS LIKELY TO BE MADE: 45

P. APPROXIMATE DATE FARMERS WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR EM LOANS: NOW

Q. COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

The late freeze in March reduced first cutting of hay from 40-60%. Excessive rains in June delayed crop plantings. The high temperature and approximately six weeks of little or no rainfall during late June and July resulted in severe crop loss. Recommend Christian County be designated as a disaster area.

DATE: September 9, 1974

COUNTY SUPERVISOR: Loy E. Scroggins

R. STATE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: I concur - do not concur in this request.

Remarks:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

S. USDA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMENTS: I concur - do not concur in this request.

Remarks:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

USDA Regional Representative  
Federal Regional Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

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August 22, 1973

Christopher S. Bond  
Governor of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Sir:

The agricultural situation in Christian County is in a very precarious condition due to excessive drought conditions, as indicated by the accompanying enclosures.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you designate Christian County as a disaster area.

Very truly yours,

CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Judge

EC:dd

Encls.

August 30, 1974

Christopher S. Bond  
Governor of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Sir:

As indicated on the attached report, Christian County is suffering extreme hardship due to the drouth conditions this summer.

Therefore, it is the request of the Christian County Court that Christian County be declared a drouth disaster area.

Very truly yours,

Grant Stinnett,  
Presiding Judge

RC:dd

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

Information was obtained from the following for this meeting:

ASCS  
Soil Conservation Service  
University Extension Center  
Farmers Home Administration  
Ozark Production Credit Ass'n.  
Local Food Companies

weight, flood, etc. beginning date, later developments, severity, etc.

Christian County ASC committee met August 28, 1974, at 10:00 a.m. in the ASCS Office to review the drought conditions which exists in the county.

Christian and adjoining counties are under severe drought conditions at the present time which is affecting forage and grain crops in this area. Adding to the severity of the drought conditions was the late freeze in March which froze back the crops and then the excessive rains in the spring which damaged and hampered the haying operations.

According to records at the nearest station, which is located in Ozark, the precipitation for the period of June 16 until August 7 was 1.99 inches of rain. However, we received .22 inches of precipitation for a 49-day period from June 16 until July 26. Some parts of the county has reported more and some have not received any in this time period. The 20-year average for July is approximately 3.5 inches. The temperature for July has been hotter than normal with several days above the 100 degree mark and the high in the 90s every day but one.

Feed normally produced has been reduced due to wet weather; getting approximately 50% of first cutting of alfalfa wet, the second cutting was about normal, the third cutting was about 50% of normal and there will be very few that will get a fourth cutting. The over-all hay production in the county will run about 35% of normal taking into consideration the quality and quantity. Pasture loss has amounted to about 40% due to hot and dry weather. Corn loss for grain has amounted to about 80% loss due to hot dry weather; however, most of the corn was cut for silage which still only produced about 50% of what it would under normal conditions. Grain sorghum has about a 30% loss due to dry weather. Wheat loss for grain was 66% and 40% loss for silage due to late freeze in March and heavy rains.

Most dairy producers are culling moderate to heavy and reducing grain rations on producing cows as well as replacement heifers; also, feed more hay in the place of grain which they are having to go outside the area to get. Alfalfa hay is selling for \$90 to \$95 per ton when you can find it. Last year at this time you could get it for \$50 to \$55 per ton.

(continued)

Recommendation:

We have considered the need for the Livestock Feed Program by analysis of all data listed on this application and other pertinent facts and information. After careful consideration, we believe activation of the Livestock Feed Program in this county would be in the overall public interest and we recommend that the area be designated and the program implemented.

APPLICATION DATE _____	APPLY TO ENTIRE COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PART OF COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> (Describe)
COUNTY AND DISTRICT _____	TITLE _____	DATE 8-28-74

I. Description of Present Disaster (conti.)

Most beef producers do not feed any kind of feed during the period of May until the end of September except for pasture; however, due to the shortage of pasture some producers have grazed their hay fields and will be short on hay this winter; thereby, causing the already short supply of hay to be hard to get this winter and the price to be higher.

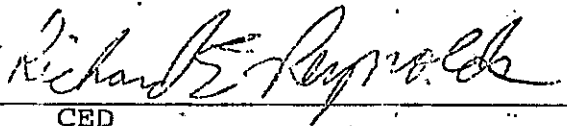
Hog producers are having to pay high prices for feeding rations due to short corn crop with an increase of 20% in the price from 7-5-74 to 8-26-74 and pig starter increase of 14% for the same period.

Some operators are going out due to high interest rates, low prices on cattle, milk, and hogs, and high input prices. This is harder on the farmer that got in three or four years ago due to feed suppliers and banks cutting off credit and requiring cash for feed and supplies due to low prices for the livestock. The local economy will suffer more in three or four months due to less money being received for products because of lower quality and less money to spend for agricultural inputs.

Producers generally cull about 10% of their herd but are culling about 20% at the present time with more culling in the future if feed does not become available. Most producers are culling mature stock and keeping replacement because they consume less feed. Hog producers are selling a large amount of pigs, sows and more gilts than normal; also, selling  $\frac{1}{2}$  finished hogs. Dairy producers are drying cows up 30 to 60 days earlier than normal to save feed.

If this feed program is approved for Christian County it would prevent a lot of farming operations from going out of business due to the financial help and the extra feed supply for their livestock.

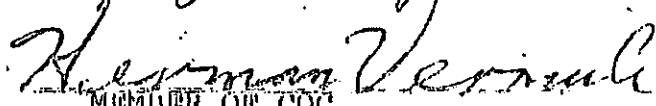
If this program is not approved there will be a lot of marginal farmers lose their farming operations due to the drought conditions causing the feed along with other inputs to increase in price.

  
CED

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CHAIRMAN OF COC

  
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COC

  
MEMBER OF COC

Attachment: Powersite Dam Weather Station Report,  
Feed Prices and Attendance List

Christian Co. ASC Committee  
P. O. Box 165  
Ozark, Missouri 65721

FEED PRICES

Information from MFA at Ozark:

	Prices as of:			% Increase
	7-5-74	8-5-74	8-26-74	
Shorts	\$ 4.90	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.90	61
Corn	6.35	7.30	7.65	20
Pig Starter	8.55	10.20	9.75	14
All Stock	5.90	6.55	7.70	31
12% Dairy Feed	6.05	7.40	7.80	29
Cotton Seed Meal	6.95	11.50	9.35	35
Salt Mix #2	5.00	5.35	6.35	27

ALL FEEDS - 31% average increase

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Information from Floyd & Son at Bradleyville:  
+35 cents per 100# mark-up over prices listed below

Shorts	4.55	7.20	58
Corn	6.00	7.30	22
Pig Starter	8.20	10.20	32
All Stock	5.55	6.55	18
12% Dairy Feed	5.70	7.40	40
Cotton Seed Meal	6.60	11.50	74
Salt Mix #2	4.65	5.35	15



2 Copies to Spfd

September 13, 1974

Christopher S. Bond  
Governor of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Sir:

The agricultural situation in Christian County is in a very precarious condition due to excessive hot and cold weather, as substantiated by the accompanying enclosures. *ed*

Therefore, we respectfully request that you designate Christian County as a disaster area.

Very truly yours,

Presiding Judge

RC:dd

Encls.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
RDI Bldg., Suite 101, Belcrest & E. Trafficway  
Springfield, Missouri 65802

September 11, 1974

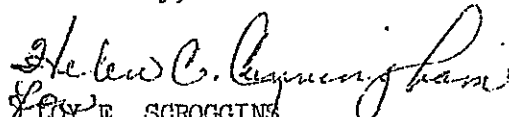
Persiding Judge  
Christian County Court  
Courthouse  
Ozark, MO 65721

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the original and one copy of Form FMA 441-28, Report on Natural Disaster for Consideration in Designating Emergency Loan Area, with attachments.

The County Court should submit the original of this Report together with their formal request for the designation of Christian County as a disaster area to the Governor of the State. Also, will you please forward two copies of your formal request to our office.

Sincerely,

  
LOY E. SCROGGINS  
County Supervisor

Enclosures

# EMPIRE BANK

Glenstone at Sunshine, Springfield, Missouri 65804, Telephone 417 881 9100

August 30, 1974

MR. WALTER STAPLETON  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
3003 EAST TRASKWAY  
SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65902

DEAR MR. STAPLETON:

EMPIRE BANK SERVES A LARGE NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS IN THE GREENE AND CHRISTIAN COUNTY AREA.

THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION NOW HAS BECOME MOST CRITICAL TO THE MAJORITY OF THESE FOLKS. THE TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN OPERATING COSTS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY FEED COSTS, HAVE PLACED THESE PEOPLE IN A FINANCIAL STRAIN. THE DROUGHT SITUATION HAS MERELY COMPLICATED THE PROBLEM.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY-TYPE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IN AREAS DESIGNATED AS DISASTER AREAS. THE GREENE AND CHRISTIAN COUNTY AREAS WOULD QUALIFY UNDER THOSE TERMS.

EMPIRE BANK MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TYPE PROGRAM. THE CUSTOMER INTEREST IS THERE. IF THE BANK CAN SOMEHOW DETERMINE IT CAN ASSIST, THIS DETERMINATION WILL BE BASED UPON THE VARIOUS CONDITIONS OF THE EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM.

WE URGE THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS GREENE AND CHRISTIAN COUNTY AREA DESIGNATED SO AS TO RECEIVE SOME ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.

VERY TRULY YOURS

  
JOE ROBINSON  
VICE PRESIDENT

OZARK PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOC  
P. O. 316, 1006 S. 3RD STREET  
OZARK, MISSOURI 65721  
AREA CODE (417) 485-7316



September 4, 1971

Walter Stapelton  
Farmers Home Administration  
3003 E. Trafficway  
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Stapelton:

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation today indicating that the Ozark Production Credit Association in Christian County will approve and recommend that the Farmers Home Administration make emergency loans to farmers in southwest Missouri based on the following reasons:

- (1) Very wet weather conditions in the Spring which caused several farmers to lose their hay and delay planting of other crops.
- (2) A severe dry period following the wet spring then caused farmers to again lose their hay and it also lost or reduced their corn and other crops which were to be used for forage.
- (3) A combination of items 1 and 2 with some other factors which have caused feed costs to increase at a very rapid rate. Therefore, with high feed costs compared to low milk prices and low cattle prices, farmers are in a very, very uncomfortable position.

If we can be of further assistance to you regarding this important matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours

Rudy Hicks  
Ass't. Vice. Pres.

RH/rmf



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

TO: Chairman, State Emergency Board

Date: August 8, 1974

In Reply Refer to:

FROM: Christian County Emergency Board

SUBJECT: SPECIAL REPORT EP-61

The Christian County Emergency Board met August 7, 1974 at 10:00 am in the ASCS office to review the drought conditions which exists in the county.

Christian and adjoining counties are under severe drought conditions at the present time which is affecting forage and grain crops in this area. Adding to the severity of the drought conditions was the late freeze in March which froze back the crops and then the excessive rains in the spring which damaged and hampered the haying operations.

According to records at the nearest station which is located in Ozark. Precipitation for the period June 18, until August 7, there has been 1.99 inches of rain. However, some parts of the county has reported more and some have not received any in this time period. The 10 year average for July is approx. 3.5 inches. The temperature for July has been hotter than normal with several days above the 100 degree mark.

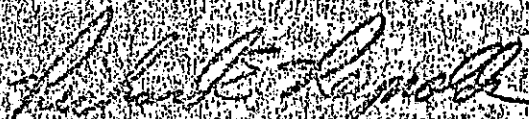
Cattle producers in the county are running short on pasture due to the dry weather, and the price of feed has taken an increase of about 22% on Corn, 32% on Pig Starter, 40% on Dairy Feed, and 70% on Cotton Seed Meal, from July 5, to August 5th. Causing beef producers to start selling calves 100 to 150 lbs. lighter than normal, and culling about 100% more than normal. Hog producers are hurt due to high feed prices caused by the drought and dairy production is below normal due to quality of forage being low due to drought and also a lot of forage put up as hay and silage got wet after being cut in the spring.

After reviewing the above information and discussing the general farming situation the CEB recommends Christian County be declared a disaster area.

Those present:

O. T. Skaggs, CEB  
George Simpson, ASCS  
Herman Vernalis, ASCS  
Richard E. Reynolds, CEB  
Mike Bradley, CEB

Ray Scroggins, MFA  
Paul Elmer, MFA Feed  
Bob Young, Extension  
Jim Spencer, FFA  
W. A. Wisher, Wisher Feed Mill



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**Memorandum**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

TO : Chairman, State Emergency Board

Date: August 15, 1975

In Reply Refer to:

FROM : Christian County Emergency Board

SUBJECT: Drought Conditions in Christian Co.

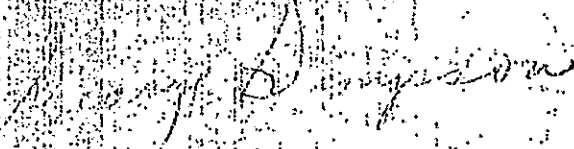
The Christian Co. Emergency Board met August 15, 1975 at 1:30 p.m. in the ASCS office to review the drought conditions which exist in the county.

Present: George Simpson, ASCS-Chairman  
Mike Bradley, SCS-Deputy Chairman  
Walter Stapleton, FmHA  
Mary Ruth Rainey, ASCS- Acting Secretary

The counties adjoining Christian County and Christian County are under severe drought conditions at the present time, which is affecting forage and grain crops in this area.

After reviewing the above information and discussing the general farming situation the CEB recommends Christian County be declared a disaster area.

George Simpson, Chairman  
Christian Co. Emergency Board



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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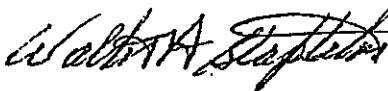
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Sincerely,



WALTER A. STAPLETON  
Acting County Supervisor

Enclosure

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
JEFFERSON CITY

September 5, 1975

The Honorable Leslie Keltner  
Presiding Judge, Christian County Court  
P. O. Box 285  
Ozark, Missouri 65721

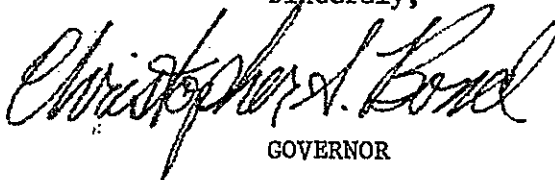
Dear Judge Keltner:

Based on the information you have provided my office of the effect of the drought on agricultural production in your county, I have requested that the U. S. Department of Agriculture declare your county eligible for disaster assistance.

I hope we will receive prompt approval to this request so that financial assistance will be available to those agricultural producers who qualify for assistance.

When my office receives notification of approval from the Department of Agriculture, we will forward this information to you.

Sincerely,

  
GOVERNOR



January 26, 1977

Joseph P. Teasdale  
Governor of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Sir:

The agricultural situation in Christian County is in a very precarious condition due to excessive drouth this past summer and excessive snow and ice this winter.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you designate Christian County as a disaster area.

Very truly yours,

CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Judge

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Associate Judge

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Associate Judge

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February 2, 1977

Emory Melton  
Senate Post Office  
Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Sir:

The agricultural situation in Christian County is in a very precarious condition due to excessive drouth this past summer and excessive snow and ice this winter. As two of the members of the County Court are farmers, we are personally aware of these conditions.

Therefore, we request that you contact the Governor and urge him to designate Christian County as a disaster area. This assistance is urgently needed.

Very truly yours,

CHRISTIAN COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Judge

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Associate Judge

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