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Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Reynolds release statements on disaster designations

(DES MOINES) – Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, today, issued statements on the [USDA disaster designation](#) of 42 Iowa counties as primary natural disaster areas due to the recent drought.

On July 16, Gov. Branstad sent a letter to Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting a drought disaster declaration for impacted Iowa counties. The letter to Sec. Vilsack can be viewed [here](#).

Gov. Branstad released the following statement:

“In response to my letter, the Lt. Governor and I would like to thank Secretary Vilsack for the USDA’s recent drought declaration of several Iowa counties. This drought has had a significant impact on Iowa agriculture and the farmers who work hard every day to feed a growing world population. This disaster designation will provide affected Iowans with additional resources during these difficult times.”

Lt. Gov. Reynolds released the following statement:

“One thing that I know for certain is that Iowa farmers have the tenacity, resilience, resolve and fortitude to withstand these challenging times. The Governor and I stand with all Iowans as we work together to respond swiftly to these drought conditions.”

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