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### **FARMERS WITH CROP DAMAGE URGED TO CONTACT LOCAL FSA OFFICE**

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In light of reports from across Mississippi and surrounding states, I advise area farmers affected by the recent freezing temperatures to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to report any crop damage as soon as possible. FSA's assessment is a necessary first step in determining if Mississippi farmers will qualify for federal disaster assistance. The unprecedented weather occurred at a crucial time during our farmers' crop production.

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