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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 14, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR
DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT

The Roosevelt Room

11:36 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, all of you, welcome to the White House. And I want to salute Bob Dole -- a driving force behind this bill. Of course, Senator Bond, Kit Bond, helping so much and Governor Hayden. Congressman Stenholm from Texas. And our outstanding Secretary of Agriculture, Clayt Yeutter -- all of whom have played a key role in bringing this important relief to farm families hit by the extreme weather.

And let me give a special welcome to the representatives of the American farm community that are here with us today.

I'm sure some of you heard the story of Mark Twain and his friend Howells, William Dean Howells, walking together when a thunderstorm broke out. Howells looked up to the clouds and he said, "Do you think it'll stop?"

Mark Twain looked at him and says, "Well, it always does." And Twain may have been many things, but he wasn't a farmer. (Laughter.)

And the farmer is at the mercy of the forces of nature. And sometimes nature fails him. And I know, Bob and Mike, that Kansas was hit especially hard -- this year's winter wheat crop is less than half of normal levels. In a number of states -- from the Dakotas to the Texas Panhandle, and in the mid-Atlantic states as well -- farmers have indeed suffered.

And this bill provides relief: Disaster payments totalling approximately \$900 million to compensate farmers for the wheat, soybeans, cotton and other crops they lost due to damaging weather conditions this year. And this act will help farmers recover after damaging rain and wind -- and will see others through a year when they've had to stand by and watch their crops fail.

All of us know that the prevailing climate here in Washington is one of fiscal restraint and money's tight. And that's why it is good news that the cost of the disaster relief that I'm authorizing today is reasonable -- it'll provide relief only to those farmers hardest hit by adverse weather. And it wisely rewards those who took the prudent step of purchasing crop insurance.

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And that's meant higher prices for the farmers. It's meant lower budget costs. And it's meant a better balance of trade for our nation. And that's a trend that certainly I want to help see that that continues. With Clayton Yeutter in the lead, we're working to keep world markets open for American agriculture.

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included in this act.

The farmer is one of the original American entrepreneurs -- men and women whose phenomenal productivity feeds America and indeed the rest of the world -- risk-takers who start from scratch each season, staking their fortunes on the new year's harvest. And disaster can strike -- and this year it did. And that's why I'm pleased to show our country's appreciation and support for farmers by authorizing the Disaster Assistance Act of 1989.

So thank you very much for coming. And now we will get on with the signing.

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11:40 A.M. EDT

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/12/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---
PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT SIGNING CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
AUGUST 14, 1989

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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Ext. 2702

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WASHINGTON

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August 11, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT SIGNING CEREMONY

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McGroarty/Dooley
August 11, 1989
5:30 p.m.
[RELIEF]

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ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:

1989/08/11 10:00 AM

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 AM, Friday, August 11, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

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McGroarty/Dooley
August 10, 1989
1:30 p.m.
[RELIEF]

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AUGUST 14, 1989
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GOVERNOR HAYDEN [OF KANSAS]. CONGRESSMEN HUCKABY AND
STENHOLM.

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AND OUR OUTSTANDING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, CLAYTON
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MAYBE YOU KNOW THE STORY INVOLVING MARK TWAIN AND HIS FRIEND WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS, WALKING TOGETHER ONE DAY WHEN A THUNDERSTORM BROKE OUT. HOWELLS LOOKED UP TO THE CLOUDS AND SAID TO TWAIN, "DO YOU THINK IT WILL STOP?"

TWAIN SAID: "IT ALWAYS HAS." [[PAUSE]] TWAIN MAY HAVE BEEN MANY THINGS IN HIS LIFE, BUT HE WASN'T A FARMER.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *ABP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Disaster Assistance Act
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Disaster Assistance
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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS

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"I guess so," responded Twain. "Have you bought your ticket yet?" "No, not yet." "Well, it's sold out, so you'll have to stand." "Just my luck," said Twain with a sigh. "I always have to stand when that fellow lectures." (Calvin Coolidge was also very much aware that he didn't get a seat at his own lectures. See COOLIDGE 8.)

8 There were always cats at Mark Twain's farm, and favorite cats had their own names—Blatherskite, Sour Mash, Stray Kit, Sin, Satan. His children inherited his love of them. His daughter Susy once said, "The difference between Papa and Mamma is, that Mamma loves morals and Papa loves cats."

9 As Twain and his good friend the writer William Dean Howells were leaving church one Sunday, it started to rain heavily. Howells looked up at the clouds and said, "Do you think it will stop?" "It always has," replied Twain.

10 When the printing plates were being prepared for the illustrations to *Huckleberry Finn*, a mischievous engraver (whose identity was never discovered despite the posting of a reward) made an addition to the picture of old Silas Phelps. He drew in a male sex organ, thus altering entirely the implications of the pictured Aunt Sally's question, "Who do you think it is?" The alteration was discovered only after thousands of the books had been printed and bound, and the offending illustration had to be cut out by hand and replaced.

11 After several attempts, Mark Twain at last obtained an appointment to see General Ulysses S. Grant at home. He was elated at this prospect, but when he actually confronted Grant and looked at that square, imperturbable, unsmiling face, he found himself, for the first time, unable to think of what to say. Grant, noted for his taciturnity, nodded slightly and waited. Mark Twain hesitated, and then inspiration came. "General," he said, "I seem to be a little embarrassed, are you?" This broke the ice, and there were no further difficulties.

Twelve years later the two men met again in Chicago, at a reception for General Grant after

his world tour. Twain arrived in time for the large welcoming procession. On the way to the reviewing stand, the mayor of Chicago said, "General, let me present Mr. Clemens, a man almost as great as yourself." The two men shook hands, and there was a pause. Then the general looked at Twain gravely. "Mr. Clemens," he said, "I am not embarrassed, are you?" They both laughed.

12 Mark Twain often did his writing in bed, regardless of the time of day. On one occasion his wife came in to tell him that a reporter had arrived to interview him. When Twain showed no sign of being ready to get up, she said, "Don't you think it will be a little embarrassing for him to find you in bed?"

"Why, if you think so, Livy," Twain responded, "we could have the other bed made up for him."

13 Henry Irving was telling Mark Twain a story. "You haven't heard this, have you?" he inquired after the preamble. Mark Twain assured him he had not. A little later Irving again paused and asked the same question. Mark Twain made the same answer. Irving then got almost to the climax of the tale before breaking off again—"Are you quite sure you haven't heard this?" The third time was too much for his listener. "I can lie once," said Twain, "I can lie twice for courtesy's sake, but I draw the line there. I can't lie the third time at any price. I not only heard the story, I invented it."

14 When Mark Twain was in London, a rumor of his death or imminent death reached the editor of the *New York Journal*, who sent its London correspondent the following cablegrams: "IF MARK TWAIN DYING IN POVERTY IN LONDON SEND 500 WORDS" and "IF MARK TWAIN HAS DIED IN POVERTY SEND 1000 WORDS." The *Journal's* man showed the cables to Mark Twain, who suggested the substance of a reply to the effect that a cousin, James Ross Clemens, had been seriously ill in London, but had recovered. The reply ended with "REPORT OF MY DEATH GREATLY EXAGGERATED."

15 One night a group of Twain's friends and admirers in New York, remembering it was the writer's birthday, resolved to send him birthday greetings. The globe-trotting Twain was

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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To Dan McGroarty

Attached is a summary of
the Disaster Relief Bill.

I think that this will give
you what you need.

IF you have any questions
call us at 2813

John Fish

Elmer Klumpp FAX 823-2665

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS
H.R. 2467, AS AMENDED,
DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989

total cost - offset?

Overview

Provides disaster assistance to agricultural producers of program and nonprogram crops who suffered losses in production or the marketability of crops due to damaging weather or related condition in 1988 or 1989 which affected the 1989 crop.

Damaging weather includes but is not limited to drought, hail, excessive moisture, freeze, tornado, hurricane, or excessive wind, or any combination thereof.

Related condition includes but is not limited to insect infestations, plant diseases, or other deterioration of a crop of a commodity, including aflatoxin, that is accelerated or exacerbated naturally as a result of damaging weather occurring prior to or during harvest.

What are program crops?

Payment Provisions

Provides disaster payments to producers of program and nonprogram crops, including soybeans and sunflowers, in the following amounts --

- o for producers of program crops (including sugar, tobacco and peanut) who purchased crop insurance for 1989, would provide 65 percent of the 1989 target price for crop losses exceeding 35 percent of normal production;
o for producers of program crops who did not purchase crop insurance for 1989, would provide 65 percent of the 1989 target price for crop losses exceeding 40 percent of normal production;
o for soybeans and sunflowers, provides 65 percent of the average producer market price of the last 5 years for losses exceeding 45 percent of normal yield;
o for individuals who produced program crops but did not participate in the federal program for that crop, provides 65 percent of the county loan rate for losses exceeding 50 percent of normal production. For all other producers of nonprogram crops, provides 65 percent of the average producer market price of the last 5 years for losses exceeding 50 percent of normal production.

Provides that the Secretary shall exclude from harvested amounts 70 percent of the quantity of a commodity that could not

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be sold in normal channels of trade due to damaging weather, as well as dockage, for purposes of calculating losses for disaster payments.

estimated.

Forgives repayment of advance deficiency payments for crop losses for that portion of the losses up to 35 percent of normal production for those who had crop insurance and up to 40 percent for those who did not.

Provides that any refund of 1988 advance deficiency payments that a producer may be required to make will not be required until July 1990.

Deferred

Related Provisions

Prevented planting election - Allows producers with prevented planting acreage or failed acreage to choose between 50/92 or 0/92 participation or disaster payments.

Yield determination - Allows the Secretary to use best available information (e.g., extension service records) in establishing county average yields for nonprogram crops.

Dryland and Irrigated Yields - Authorizes the Secretary to separately calculate dryland and irrigated yields in determining eligibility for disaster assistance.

Substitution of Crop Insurance Program Yields - Authorizes the Secretary to allow producers of 1989 crops who have crop insurance to substitute FCIC yields for farm program payments yields for purposes of determining disaster assistance eligibility.

~~*Substitution of Crop Insurance Program Yields*~~

Honey - Provides for disaster assistance to honey producers in a manner similar to the treatment of nonprogram crops.

Crop Quality Reduction Payments - Permits the Secretary to make an additional 10 percent payment to producers for losses in the quality of nonprogram crops on production losses between 45 and 75 percent.

Shrinkage Allowance for Peanuts - Provides that the export obligation of handlers is to be reduced by a shrinkage allowance that is not less than 4 and one-half percent.

Planting of Alternative Crops - Directs the Secretary to permit that planting of mung bean and mustard crops on up to 20 percent of a farm's base acreage. This is an addition to a recently passed provision affecting the Agricultural Act of 1949.

encourage diversifies.

related to disaster

Elimination of Double Payments - Directs the Secretary to reduce disaster payments by an amount that reflects the value of

any crop planted to replace the crop for which disaster payments are received.

Payment limitations

Limits combined crop insurance benefits and disaster payment that a producer may receive to an amount that does not exceed income from normal crop yields.

Limits total benefits a producer may receive under this legislation to \$100,000.

Limits combined benefits a producer may receive under this legislation and current livestock emergency programs to \$100,000, and prohibits producers from receiving double benefits on the same production loss.

Prohibits persons who have gross revenues in excess of \$2 million from receiving disaster assistance under this bill.

Limitation on Outlays

Contains provision intended to limit outlays, if necessary, to offset disaster expenditures and avoid triggering a sequestration.

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Crop Insurance

Purchase Requirement - Requires those who elect to receive a disaster payment or receive forgiveness of advance deficiency payments under this program to purchase the minimum amount of federal crop insurance if they suffer a loss of over 65 percent and if crop insurance is available in their county for crop year 1990. This requirement does not apply if the premium for federal crop insurance would exceed 25 percent of the benefits received under this program, or if the insurance premium increased more than 25 percent between 1989 and 1990, or if would create undue financial hardship.

Crop Insurance Yield Coverage - Authorized the Federal Crop Insurance Commission (FCIC) to implement insurance coverage that provides for yield coverage based on either farm program payment yields or actual production history.

Crop Insurance for Orchard Crops - Includes a Sense of the Congress resolution that the Secretary should expeditiously expand the availability of Federal Crop Insurance to all orchard crops.

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Livestock Assistance

Use of Stored Grain - Authorizes the use of on-farm stored feed grain that is under CCC loan for the purpose of furnishing feed in accordance with the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance program.

Pond Construction - Amends the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 to include provision for the construction or deepening of ponds for livestock water.

Livestock Water - Authorizes \$25 million to provide assistance for construction or maintenance of livestock drinking water.

Transportation Assistance - Authorizes \$25 million to provide transportation assistance for livestock to grazing locations for 1989 emergencies.

Water for Confined Livestock - Authorizes the use of water assistance measures to provide water for confined livestock and makes eligible those who undertake emergency measures in 1989 if there is a period of serious drought in fiscal 1989.

Study of Animal Unit Determination - Directs the Secretary to conduct a study of the manner in which animal unit feed requirements are calculated for the purposes of implementing the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance program.

Forest Crops and Orchards

Replacement of Tree Seedlings - Directs USDA to provide assistance in the reestablishment of forests and Christmas tree production if seedling were lost due to drought or wildfire in 1989. Benefits are limited to tree farmers and commercial growers who own 1000 acres or less.

Replacement of Orchards - Directs the Secretary to make payments in the amount of 65 percent of the cost of replanting trees lost in excess of 45 percent or sufficient seedlings to reestablish the orchard to those orchardists who suffered over a 45 percent loss of trees due to freeze or related condition in 1989. Eligible orchardists are those who produce annual crops from trees and own 500 acres or less of such trees.

Conservation measure

Directs the Secretary not to reduce rental payments (equal to one-half of the amount paid by the participant in carrying out the conservation practices) to participants in the conservation reserve program (CRP) who are allowed to hay or graze their CRP acres if they incur costs in carrying out approved conservation

practices.

Emergency Water Assistance

Authorizes the establishment of an emergency water assistance program to assist residents of rural areas in securing adequate quantities of water where significant declines in the quantity or quality of available water have occurred.

Authorizes \$35 million for FY 1990 and \$35 million for FY 1991 to provide for grants to communities with population of 15,000 or less which have suffered such losses. 50 percent of the funds available in each fiscal year are to be made available for communities with populations of 5000 or less.

Emergency Loans

Crop Insurance Waiver - USDA is authorized to provide emergency loans for producers whose crops were affected by disaster in 1988 whether or not the producer had previously purchased federal crop insurance.

Operating Loans - Directs the Secretary to make available, to the maximum extent practicable, FmHA direct operating loans to farmers suffering losses due to damaging weather or related condition.

Rural Business Enterprise Loans - Directs the Secretary to make available in FY 1989, to the maximum extent practicable, rural industrialization loans or loan guarantees to assist rural businesses directly and adversely affected by damaging weather or related condition.

Assistance for Watershed Repair - Authorizes assistance to repair damage caused by storms to watersheds.

FmHA Loans to Indian Tribes - Permits FmHA loan write-downs for Indian Tribes.

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Farmers Home Admin.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1989

TO: Chriss Winston, Deputy Assistant to the President
for Communications

FROM: Brian Waidmann, Special Assistant for Legislative
Affairs

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to Presidential Remarks for the
Disaster Assistant Signing Ceremony

I have discussed the following changes with Peggy Dooley. Here are the suggested changes in writing:

On page 1, first paragraph: Add Senator Nancy Kassebaum to list of sponsors.

On page 2, paragraph 3: strike the rest of the sentence after "good news" and insert:

"that the cost of this bill is reasonable -- assistance is limited only to those who have suffered substantial losses because of adverse weather conditions."

This second change was cleared with Bob Grady of OMB as well.

It is a fine speech. The Mark Twain story is perfect. Nice work.

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August 10, 1989
1:30 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT SIGNING CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
AUGUST 14, 1989
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT SIGNING CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
AUGUST 14, 1989
TIME ??

Welcome to the White House. Senator Dole -- a driving force behind this bill. Governor Hayden [of Kansas]. Key sponsors, Senators Cochran, Bond, Leahy and Lugar. Chairman de la Garza.

And let me give a special welcome to representatives of the American farm community here with us today. This occasion has done something Mother Nature has never done -- brought together in one place victims of drought and floods.

Maybe you know the story involving Mark Twain and his friend William Dean Howells, walking together one day when a thunderstorm broke out. Howells looked up to the clouds and said to Twain, "Do you think it will stop?"

Twain said: "It always has." [[Pause]] Twain may have been many things in his life, but he wasn't a farmer.

The farmer is at the mercy of the forces of nature. Sometimes nature fails him. Senator Dole, I know Kansas was hit especially hard -- this year's winter wheat crop is less than

half of normal levels. Everywhere -- from the Dakotas to the Texas panhandle, and in the mid-Atlantic states as well -- farmers suffered.

This bill provides relief: Disaster payments totalling approximately \$900 million to compensate farmers for the wheat, corn, cotton and other crops they lost to damaging weather conditions this year. This act help will help farmers recover after damaging rain and wind -- will see others through a year when they've had to stand by and watch crops wither in the field.

Now all of us know the prevailing climate here in Washington is one of fiscal restraint. Money's tight. And that's why it's good news that the cost of the disaster relief I'm authorizing today will be offset by savings in farm subsidies -- and falls within the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings targets.

We've seen a dramatic reduction in agricultural surpluses over the past few years -- in part, due to drought, but even more, due to the resurgence of American farming and a sharp increase in agricultural exports.

That's meant higher prices for farmers. It means a better balance of trade for our nation. And it means we can meet the costs of this bill with funds already in the Agriculture budget - - funds that won't be needed to make deficiency payments, pay storage costs and the like.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503



August 8, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO David Demarest
Steve Studdert

FROM: Bob Grady *BG*

As a follow-up to our conversation of yesterday, here is some information on the recently-passed drought bill.

As you can see, the major beneficiaries are wheat farmers. The states hardest hit, and therefore likely to benefit from the bill, are Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, and the Texas panhandle.

The President legally has 10 working days from receipt of the bill (expected 8/9) to sign it -- which means Wednesday, August 23rd. I am told by OMB experts, however, that it would be useful to sign it by Tuesday, August 15th, so that the legally-required Gramm-Rudman snapshot on that date will show the effect of this additional spending. This will keep the pressure on against even further new spending that would add to the deficit and potentially trigger a sequester.

If you decide to do a bill-signing event, either here or in one of those states, please let me know what other information would be useful.

Attachment
cc: Dick Darman
Jim Cicconi

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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TO: Robert Grady

THROUGH: David Gibbons *dg.*FROM: Jim Langley *JAL*

Take necessary action	[]
Approval of signature	[]
Comment	[]
Prepare reply.	[]
Discuss with me	[]
For your information	[*]
See remarks below	[]

DATE: August 7, 1989

REMARKS: Information on Outlays for Disaster Bill

Attached is a breakdown by crop of estimated disaster payments under the Disaster Assistance Act of 1989. A total of \$780 million in outlays for program crops is distributed as \$456 million (58%) for wheat, \$134 million (17%) for feed grains, \$187 million (24%) for cotton, and \$3 million (1%) for peanuts, sugar, and tobacco. Other costs for non-program crops are \$267 million for a total cost of the bill of \$1,047 million. These costs are reduced by \$150 million in offsets for a net bill cost of \$897 million.

The most severe losses for program crops occurred in the Great Plains states. The most affected wheat crops are in the Texas panhandle, western Kansas and Nebraska, and in the Dakotas. Flood damage to cotton occurred primarily in Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, and Tennessee. Most fruit, vegetable, and orchard damage occurred in the Texas Rio Grande valley, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

ESTIMATED COST OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989
AS PASSED AUGUST 4, 1989

FY90 Outlays

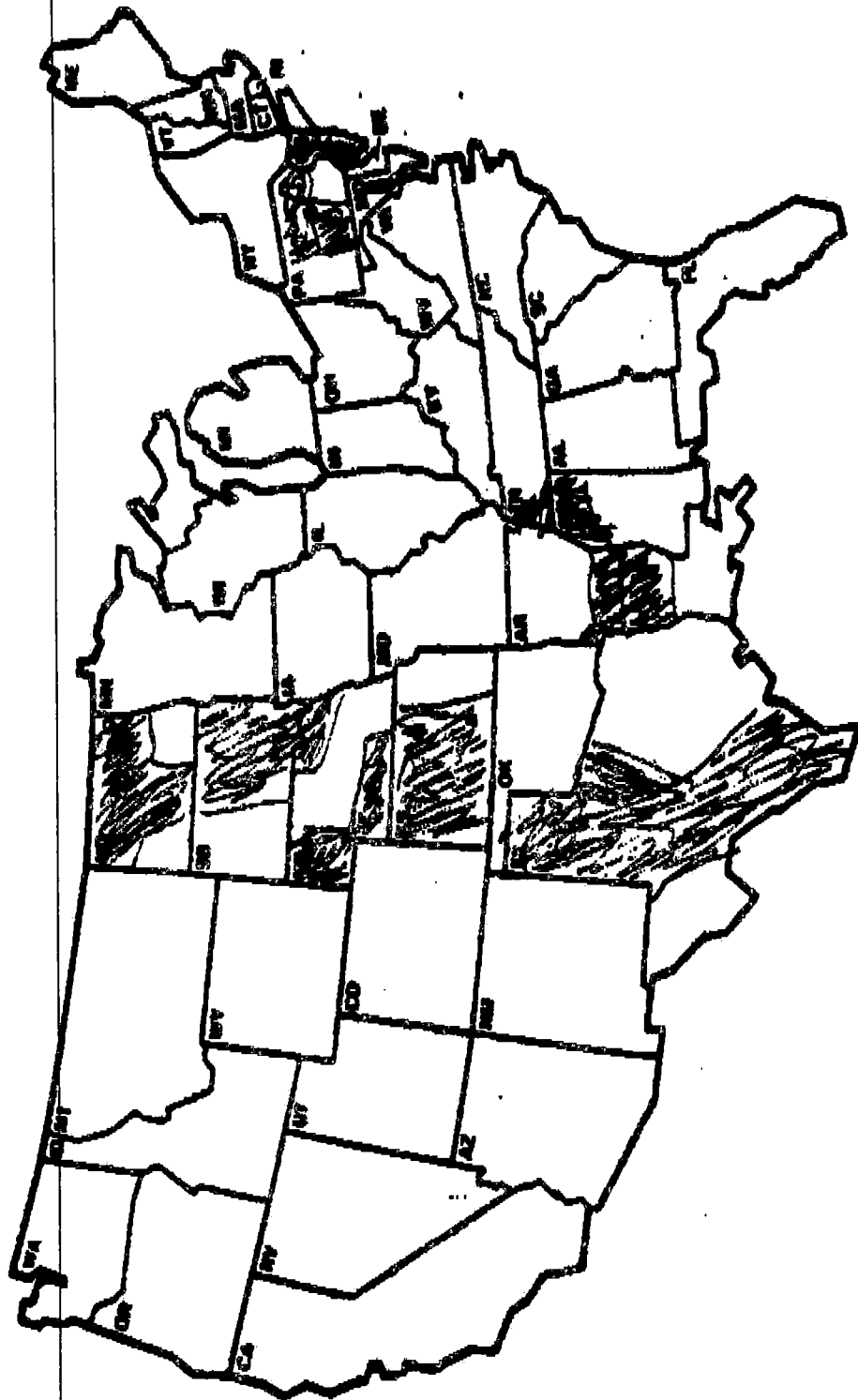
1)	Program Crops -- Participants		
	o All program crop participants <u>with FCIC</u>		
	35% loss requirement		
	65% payment on losses over 35%		
	Wheat	178	
	Feed grains	54	
	Cotton	76	
	Rice	0	
	Subtotal		308
	o All program crop participants <u>without FCIC</u>		
	40% loss requirement		
	65% payment on losses over 40%		
	Wheat	234	
	Feed grains	67	
	Cotton	99	
	Rice	0	
	Subtotal		400
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	Total for program crop participants		708
2)	All non-participants in program crops		
	50% loss requirement		
	65% payment on losses over 50%		
	Wheat	44	
	Feed grains	13	
	Cotton	12	
	Rice	0	
	Subtotal		69
3)	All non-program crops		142
	50% loss requirement		
	65% payment on losses over 50%		
4)	Soybean producers		115
	45% loss requirement		
	65% payment on losses over 45%		
5)	Freeze damage to orchards		3
	45% loss requirement		
	60% reimbursement of cost of replanting		
6)	Forest crop assistance		2
	45% loss requirement		
	60% reimbursement of cost of replanting		

7) Peanuts, Sugar, Tobacco	
o With FCIC coverage	1
35% loss requirement	
65% payment on losses over 35%	
o Without FCIC coverage	2
40% loss requirement	
65% payment on losses over 40%	
7) Purchase of FCIC required for 1990 crops	5
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SUBTOTAL	1,047
OFFSETS: Restrict Damaged Fruit Payments	(15)
<p>The 1988 Disaster Assistance bill provided assistance to fruit and vegetable producers who experienced loss of quality because of drought conditions. The payment of disaster assistance to compensate quality losses instead of actual production losses was restricted in the current bill.</p>	
No Double Payments on Replanted Acres	(30)
<p>Producers who are able to replant a crop (e.g., a second planting of cotton to replace a flood-damaged first crop, or a double crop of soybeans) will have their disaster payments reduced by the value of the second crop planted.</p>	
FCIC Non-Duplication	(10)
<p>Producers are not allowed to receive Federal Crop Insurance indemnity payments and disaster payments on the same drought-damaged crop.</p>	
Payment Limit	(50)
<p>There is a \$100,000 limit on disaster payments received under the current bill (same as last year).</p>	
Canola	(25)
<p>The Disaster bill allows producers to plant a portion of their permitted crop acreage to canola (a high quality oilseed which is lowest in cholesterol and saturated fat of any common oilseed) or other specified crops. This provision is unrelated to any drought condition, but achieves savings because acres planted to canola do not receive deficiency payments.</p>	
Post-Harvest Losses	<u>(20)</u>
<p>Earlier provision to make payments for all post-harvest losses was restricted to disaster assistance payments for</p>	

producers who suffer losses due to aflatoxin damage. During drought conditions crops in storage have an increased susceptibility to aflatoxin.

Total offsets (150)

TOTAL COST OF BILL: 897



Loss 35% or more of crops.

Tom Hayden = Gov. 3326

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HR 2467

Patrick Leahy, VT
~~to~~ Richard Lugar, Ind.

Rep

E. (K+ba) de la Garza TX

Edward Madigan Ill.

^{35%}
OK, TX, CO, NE — 15%

~~Wb~~ Winter Wheat 211 million bushels

35% less than '10 of normal
production

drought -

over 400 million
bushels

Pamell

Ag. Dept. fax, reviewed
called Cooper.

→ Wheat, corn, rice, cotton,

(soybean)

diff. payment. → difference bet. market
price + target.

In add. to direct relief
bill might mention diversification ↙
loosens controls on crop that limit of farmers can plant.

will be savings in deficiency payments,
Storage costs, ~~loan outlays~~ - due to higher
prices
money in Ag. budgets to cover
cover this Disinde program.

↙
dramatic reduction in
surpluses over last several years,
due to dr., ^{increased} exports.

^{loans}
~~CCC~~ 9 mo. loans - w/ crops as
security.

can forfeit to Uncle Sams. - goes to CCC stock.
prevalent several
 yrs ago.