

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2856

To provide assistance for agricultural producers adversely affected by
damaging weather and other conditions relating to Hurricane Irene.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Mr. GIBSON (for himself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) DISASTER COUNTY.—The term “disaster
6 county” means—

7 (A) a county included in the geographical
8 area covered by a qualifying natural disaster
9 declaration; and

1 (B) each county contiguous to a county de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A).

3 (2) QUALIFYING NATURAL DISASTER DECLARA-
4 TION.—The term “qualifying natural disaster dec-
5 laration” means—

6 (A) a natural disaster declared by the Sec-
7 retary in 2011 due to damaging weather and
8 other conditions relating to Hurricane Irene
9 under section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm
10 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
11 1961(a)); or

12 (B) a major disaster or emergency des-
13 igned by the President in 2011 due to dam-
14 aging weather and other conditions relating to
15 Hurricane Irene under the Robert T. Stafford
16 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Agriculture.

20 (b) ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds of the Commodity
21 Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use \$10,000,000
22 to provide assistance to agricultural producers in disaster
23 counties through—

1 (1) the emergency conservation program estab-
2 lished under title IV of the Agricultural Credit Act
3 of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.); and

4 (2) the emergency watershed protection pro-
5 gram established under section 403 of that Act (16
6 U.S.C. 2203).

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