

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1011

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250

January 12, 2026

Dear Secretary Rollins:

It's now been over a year since the United States Senate passed \$21 billion in agricultural disaster funding, which we accomplished fewer than 90 days after Hurricane Helene devastated farmers in Georgia and across the Southeast. Yet today, Georgia farmers are unacceptably still waiting for a block grant agreement to be finalized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Last May, you testified in response to my questions at an Appropriations Committee hearing that block grant negotiations with the State of Georgia would "move very, very quickly."


After months of hard work, the Georgia Department of Agriculture announced it has set up its program to accept applications for this Federal block grant funding.

You have already finalized block grant agreements with Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, but not Georgia.

The State of Georgia is ready. Georgia farmers are waiting for USDA.

Within one week, please provide my office with an update on when USDA will finally sign the block grant agreement to disburse this Federal relief to Georgia farmers.

Sincerely,


Jon Ossoff
United States Senator