



## Carroll County Board of Supervisors

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Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry  
Bettina Ring  
PO Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Ms. Ring,

Carroll County experienced freezing temperatures as low as 27 degrees on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As a result, the majority of our tree fruit blooms were killed or injured. Our temperatures were extreme again on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, wiping out any surviving blooms.

Our county has observed a 95-100% total tree fruit loss for the county. This loss variation depends on elevation, varieties, bloom time and other factors, but losses are close to if not at 100% for all tree fruit. This equates to more than \$2 million in losses of total fruit sold in the county.

Because of the circumstance, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors have declared Carroll County, as a whole, as a natural disaster area based on these losses.

Should you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact my office directly at 276-730-3001.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas Littrell  
Chairman, Carroll County Board of Supervisors