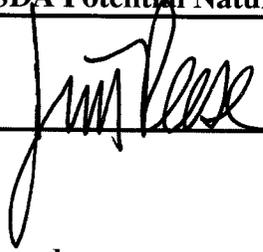


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For: County Offices

USDA Potential Natural Disaster Damage Assessment Report (DAR)

Approved by:



1 Overview

A Background

On July 7, 2004, Jackson County received substantial damage to the cotton crop due to a hail storm. Garfield, Grant, Kay, and Noble counties sustained wind and hail damage to small grain crops, mainly wheat, during storms that occurred April 21, 2004, through June 2, 2004. While the storms reduced potential cotton and wheat yields throughout the counties, some fields were completely hailed out.

Governor Brad Henry has requested "USDA Potential Natural Disaster Damage Assessment Reports" (DARs) be submitted by Garfield, Grant, Jackson, Kay, and Noble counties.

B Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to:

- request that the subject counties stated in the Governor's request submit a DAR
- provide counties with:
 - Damage Assessment Report (DAR) and instructions (Exhibit 1)
 - NASS 5-year average acreage and yield data (Exhibit 2).

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2 County Office Action

A Damage Assessment Reports

Counties listed in subparagraph 1A shall:

- schedule a County Emergency Board (CEB) meeting and complete a DAR.

Note: The following agencies are members of the CEB: FSA, Extension Service, Rural Development, and Natural Resource Conservation Service. **It is extremely important that the FLO and/or the FLM also be present.** Even if the Farm Loan member is officed out-of-county, he/she must be involved and will be responsible for completing a survey if one is deemed necessary.

- complete the DAR (Exhibit 1) according to instructions in Interim Edition EOH, Exhibit 25, and Exhibits 1 and 2 of this notice. The disaster year yields shall reflect estimated losses caused by hail and high wind that began April 21, 2004, through July 7, 2004. The CEB shall not inflate the estimate of loss or indicate excessive dollar losses on livestock.
- submit DAR and County Emergency Board meeting minutes to the State Office. **DARs AND MINUTES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STO, PS section BY NOON ON Friday, August 13, 2004.** In order to reach this deadline, counties may fax the DAR to the State Office, attention Debi Anderson, at (405) 742-1177. The CEB Chairperson **MUST SIGN** the DAR prior to submitting to the State Office. **Note:** If the FSA CED cannot attend the CEB meeting, the alternate CEB member as listed in the order of the line of succession (OK Notice DP-227, Exhibit 1) shall preside over the meeting and sign at the top of page 1 of the DAR.

B Survey Information

Section C of the DAR requests survey information. Section C shall not be completed unless there is no crop in section A of the DAR that reflects a 30% loss. If applicable, section C shall be completed in consultation with the FLO and/or FLM.

C Releasing information

Copies of Damage Assessment Reports shall not be released to the public or news Media.



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Exhibit 1

Damage Assessment Report (DAR)

State	OKLAHOMA	County	
Date(s) of Disaster	4/21/04 - 7/7/04	Description of Disaster	Hail, High Winds

Vote by Committee members to concur with reported data

Emergency Board Members				State Emergency Board Members			
Yes	No			Yes	No		
Signature				Signature			
County Emergency Board, Chairperson				State Emergency Board Chairperson			
Date				Date			
Note: One (1) copy of the County Emergency Board minutes for the county named in this DAR must be attached				Note: One (1) copy of the State Emergency Board minutes must be included with the package that contains all counties in this disaster.			

A PRODUCTION LOSSES

Disaster Year				Normal Year	
1 Major Crops Planted in the Disaster Year (or livestock enterprise)	2 No. acres planted / no. units in the disaster year	3 Acres not planted in county due to the disaster	4 Disaster Year Yield (Item #1)	5 Normal Year Yield (Item #1)	6 3-year ave. price used for disaster & normal year
Cotton					
Wheat					
Barley					
Oats					

Total Loss Calculations (National Office Use Only)				11 No. of individual farmers with production losses	
7 Disaster Year Dollar (\$) Amount	8 Normal year Dollar (\$) Amount	9 Difference in Dollars (\$) Amount	10 Percentage (%) Loss	Less than 30%	
				30 to 39%	
				40 to 49%	
				50 to 59%	
				60 to 69%	
				70 to 79%	
				80 to 89%	
				90 to 99%	
				100%	



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B PHYSICAL LOSSES: (if applicable)

1 No. of Farms with physical losses:

2 Farm Facilities

	No. Destroyed	No. Damaged	Loss (Dollars) \$:
Dwellings and Service Buildings			
Structures			
Machinery & Equipment			

3 Land Damages

Acres Destroyed	Acres Damaged	Loss (Dollars) \$

4 Livestock, poultry, aquaculture:

KIND	No. Damaged/Destroyed	Loss (Dollar) \$

Completion of the following section is required, if no single crop / enterprise, in Section A, indicates a qualifying 30% or greater loss.

C SURVEY INFORMATION:

1 No. of farmers in county doing business as an owner-operator or tenant operator	
2 No. of farmers with qualifying production losses over 30% (from Section A, Item 11, above)	
3 No. of farms in Item #2, immediately above, who will be unable to obtain credit from other than FSA	
4 Will the losses cause undue hardship to a certain segment of farmers in the county (Yes/No)?	
5 Has damage to particular crops resulted in undue hardship (Yes/No)?	
6 Will other Federal / State benefits available for same disaster lessen demand for FSA loans (Yes/No)?	
7 Any other factors considered relevant?	

**Instructions for Completing the Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Damage Assessment- Report (DAR) Form**

Top Section:

Most of this section is self-explanatory. Use the following, guidelines:

Date(s) of Disaster:

1. The date, if the incident began and ended on the same date,

OR

2. Specific beginning and ending dates, if more than one day.

Description of disaster: This item should indicate the disaster event or events that have caused the loss in the county for which the DAR is being submitted.

County Emergency Board (CEB) Members: Enter the number who voted **yes** or **no**, in the respective spaces. CEB Chairperson certifies the result by signing and dating the appropriate spaces.

State Emergency Board Members: Completed by the State Office.

A. Production Losses:

1. **Major Crops planted or livestock enterprise:** Enter the crop (cash, feed, fruit, vegetable, etc.) or livestock enterprise (hog, dairy, beef, poultry), which is a major agricultural enterprise in the county and for which there are potential losses due to the disaster.
2. **Number of acres planted/number of units in the disaster year:** Enter the total number of acres planted for the crop or total number of animal units for the livestock enterprise entered in item 1.
3. **Acres not planted:** For the crop entered in item 1, enter the number of acres that were not planted for the disaster year (this includes prevented planting, total loss/plowed under, etc.)
4. **Disaster year yield:** Actual yield/production for the crop listed in item 1.
5. **Normal year yield:** Average yield for the 5 production years proceeding the disaster year. (provided in Exhibit 2)

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6. Three-year average price used for disaster and normal year: *Do not complete this.*

Items 7 through 10. Calculation completed by National Office.

11. Enter the number of individual farmers with production losses in each category.

B. Physical Losses:

(Most of this section is self-explanatory.)

C. Survey Information:

A county may qualify for a Secretarial disaster designation by qualifying under the following survey, even if there is not a 30 percent, county-wide production loss, indicated in Section A. Section C shall not be completed unless there is no crop in section A of the DAR that does not reflect a 30% loss

1. Enter the number of farmers in county doing business as an owner-operator or tenant-operator.
2. Enter the number of farmers with qualifying production losses over 30% (from Section A, Item 11, above).
3. Enter the number of farms in Item 2, immediately above, who will be unable to obtain credit from other than FSA.
4. Will the losses cause undue hardship to a certain segment of farmers in the county (Yes/No)?
5. Has damage to particular crops resulted in undue hardship (Yes/No)?
6. Will other Federal or State benefits that are available for same disaster lessen demand for FSA loans (Yes/No)?
7. Enter any other factors considered relevant.

COUNTY	Cotton		Wheat		Barley		Oats	
	Acres	Yield	Acres	Yield	Acres	Yield	Acres	Yield
	no. of 480 lb. Bales			bu.		bu.		bu.
Garfield			350,000	35.60	3,335	37.20	1,200	44
Grant			382,000	35.00	3,335	37.20	2,500	33
Jackson	51,680	59,195						
Kay			210,000	34.70	3,335	37.20	1,617	37
Noble			149,000	33.66	3,335	37.20	1,200	35