UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
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For: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1462, Amend. 4

Approved by: State Executive Director:

1 Overview

A Background

On May 22, 2003, President Bush amended Major Disaster declaration M1462 to include three additional counties in Kansas, where eligible family farmers may qualify for Farm Service Agency emergency (EM) loans. This action is based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from May 4, 2003 and continuing.

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, adjacent counties that are contiguous to a primary county will be named as contiguous disaster counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Those counties in Oklahoma are Beaver and Texas.

B Application Deadline

EM loan applications will be received through January 22, 2004, for physical and production losses in the affected counties.

C Comparison With Previous OK Instructions

This OK Notice supplements OK Instruction 1945-A, and OK Instruction 1924-B, Exhibit D.

2 Action

A Determining Security Values

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is May 4, 2003.

Disposal	Distribution
February 1, 2004	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs

B District Director Responsibility

The District Director will closely monitor compliance to meet the requirements of Section 1945.20(a)(3) of FmHA Instruction 1945-A.

C Public Announcements

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local agricultural lenders and leaders.

3 Filing Instructions

A FLP Series

This notice will be filed in chronological order with FLP series notices, and a copy of this notice will be filed preceding FmHA Instruction 1945-A and FmHA Instruction 1924-B.

B Operation Filing

A file will be established in the Farm Loan Office's operational file for each disaster designation. The file will contain a copy of this notice and documentation to support compliance with the requirements of Section 1945.20(1)(3). This file will be labeled, "Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1462, Amend. 4" filed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with Handbook 25-AS, exhibit 40.5.

4 Contact Point

A Inquiries

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact Phil Estes, Chief, Farm Loan Programs, at (405) 742-1050.