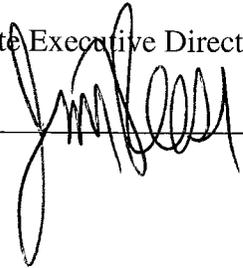


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For: County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1918**

Approved by: State Executive Director:



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1918 was announced effective April 23, 2004, for several counties in Texas as a result of damages and losses caused by drought that began January 1, 2003, and continuing.

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Harmon and Jackson counties in Oklahoma were named as contiguous disaster counties.

The designation makes family-sized farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met.

**B Application Deadline**

EM loan applications will be received through December 23, 2004, for physical and production losses in the primary and contiguous counties.

<b>Disposal</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
January 1, 2005	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs