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

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1949 (KS)

Approved by: State Executive Director: Jim Reese

1 Overview

A Background

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1949 was announced effective August 20, 2004, for several counties in Kansas as a result of damages and losses caused by freezing conditions that occurred April 7, 2004-May 15, 2004 and drought conditions that occurred January 1, 2004 and continuing.

Also, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, **Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas** 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 **April 20, 2005**, for physical and production losses in the primary and contiguous counties.

Disposal	Distribution
May 1, 2005	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs

1 Overview (Continued)

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 **April 7, 2004 for freezing conditions and January 1, 2004, for drought conditions.**

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, "Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination **S1949(KS)**," 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, Farm Loan Programs Director, at (405) 742-1050.