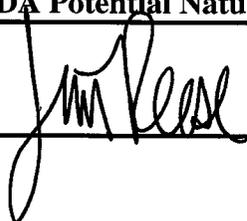


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Farm Service Agency
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For: County Offices

USDA Potential Natural Disaster Damage Assessment Report (DAR)

Approved by:



1 Overview

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Background

Since May 1, 2002, and continuing, drought has occurred throughout several counties in Oklahoma. The drought conditions have had a major impact on alfalfa hay, native pastures, improved pastures, and other hay in several counties in eastern Oklahoma.

Governor Frank Keating has requested "USDA Potential Natural Disaster Damage Assessment Reports" (DARs) be submitted by the following Oklahoma counties:

Adair, Cherokee, Choctaw, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Rogers, Seminole, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

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Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to:

- request that the 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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The subject counties 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 a member of the Farm Loan Team of FSA 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 losses caused by drought that began May 1, 2002, and continuing.
- submit DAR and County Emergency Board meeting minutes to the State Office. **DARs AND MINUTES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STO BY NOON ON Friday, October 11, 2002.** 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.

Counties are reminded in accordance with EOH that:

- copies of Damage Assessment Reports shall not be released to the news media
 - the CEB shall not inflate the estimate of loss or indicate excessive dollar losses on livestock.
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Damage Assessment Report (DAR)

1. No. of Farms with physical losses:

2. Farm Facilities

- Dwellings & Service Buildings
- Structures
- Machinery & Equipment

No. Destroyed	No. Damaged	Loss (Dollars) \$:

3. Land Damages

Acres Destroyed	Acres Damaged	Loss (Dollars) \$:

4. Livestock, poultry, aquaculture:

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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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Damage Assessment - Report (DAR) Form, *Continued***

6. **Three-year average price used for disaster and normal year:** Enter the NASS price or other documented price for the crop or livestock enterprise for the county.

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:

This information is required in accordance with Farmers Home Administration Instruction 1945-A section 1945-20 (b) (4)(ii) (B). 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.

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.

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Exhibit 2

NASS 5-Year Average Yield
County Average Disaster Yield
1997 - 2001

COUNTY	Alfalfa		Improved Pasture	Native Pasture	Other Hay	
	Acres	Yield/Tons	Yield (tons/ac)	Yield (tons/ac)	Acres	Yield (tons/ac)
Adair	380	2.89	2.23	0.34	7,132	2.02
Cherokee	800	2.63	2.23	0.34	5,180	1.83
Choctaw	480	2.46	2.40	0.34	8,664	1.59
Craig	560	2.39	2.08	0.34	11,908	1.61
Creek	780	2.79	1.83	0.36	7,184	1.36
Delaware	720	2.67	2.08	0.34	9,556	1.99
Haskell	1600	3.10	2.23	0.34	8,420	1.54
Hughes	780	2.97	2.23	0.34	6,764	1.6
Latimer	820	2.76	2.40	0.34	4,684	1.35
LeFlore	780	2.46	2.40	0.34	11,084	1.57
Love	610	2.59	1.95	0.39	3,062	1.44
Mayes	400	2.97	2.08	0.34	11,572	1.66
McCurtain	1360	2.82	2.40	0.34	7,528	1.95
McIntosh	302	2.25	2.23	0.34	6,356	1.76
Muskogee	640	3.37	2.23	0.34	12,456	1.77
Okfuskee	440	3.05	1.83	0.36	4,372	1.44
Okmulgee	1040	3.35	2.23	0.34	8,712	1.25
Ottawa	900	2.47	2.08	0.34	7,040	1.64
Pittsburg	400	2.65	2.23	0.34	10,752	1.51
Pottawatomie	4700	3.40	1.83	0.36	7,760	1.63
Pushmataha	360	2.22	2.40	0.34	5,880	1.46
Rogers	1620	2.93	2.08	0.34	9,736	1.49
Seminole	960	2.92	1.83	0.36	5,688	1.43
Sequoyah	860	2.42	2.23	0.34	5,588	1.54
Tulsa	1080	2.44	2.08	0.34	3,904	1.43
Wagoner	1720	2.88	2.08	0.34	7,596	1.67