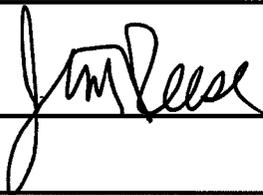


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Farm Service Agency  
100 USDA, Suite 102  
Stillwater, OK 74074

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1679

Approved by: State Executive Director:



1 Overview

A

Background

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1679 was declared August 22, 2002, for 30 Oklahoma counties based on damages and losses caused by drought that occurred August 1, 2001, and continuing. The following 30 counties were declared primary counties in this determination:

Alfalfa	Cotton	Harmon	Roger Mills
Beaver	Custer	Harper	Stephens
Beckham	Dewey	Jackson	Texas
Blaine	Ellis	Jefferson	Tillman
Caddo	Garfield	Kiowa	Washita
Canadian	Grady	Kingfisher	Woods
Cimarron	Grant	Major	Woodward
Comanche	Greer		

As a result of this major disaster, the following 9 counties are named as contiguous counties:

Carter	Kay	Love	Noble
Cleveland	Logan	McClain	Oklahoma
Garvin			

This designation make family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency.

B

Application  
Deadline

EM loan applications will be received through April 22, 2003, for physical and production losses.

<b>Disposal</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
May 1, 2003	Farm Loan Teams, County Offices, DDs, CORs

**OK Notice FLP-361**

**1 Overview, continued**

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**C**  
**Comparison With Previous OK Instructions**      This OK Notice supplements OK Instruction 1945-A, and OK Instruction 1924-B, Exhibit D.

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**2 Action**

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**A**  
**Determining Security Values**      For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is August 1, 2001.

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**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.

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**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.

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**3 Filing Instructions**

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**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.

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**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 S1679," filed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with Handbook 25-AS, exhibit 40.5.

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**4 Contact Point**

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

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