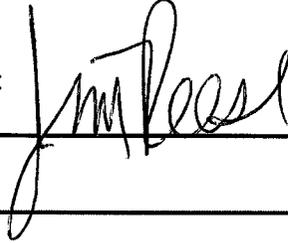


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
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Stillwater, OK 74074

For: County Offices

Presidential Emergency Declaration EM3171, Amend. 1

Approved by: State Executive Director:



1 Overview

A Background

On February 21, 2003, President Bush amended Presidential Emergency number EM3171 to include 16 counties in Texas, where eligible family farmers may qualify for Federal disaster assistance, including FSA EM loans. This action is based on damages and losses caused by the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia that occurred on February 1, 2003.

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. McCurtain County in Oklahoma has been declared a contiguous county in this disaster declaration.

B Application Deadline

EM loan applications will be received through October 21, 2003, for physical and production losses.

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 February 1, 2003.

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

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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.

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 Emergency Declaration EM3171, Amend. 1," filed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with Handbook 25-AS, exhibit 40.5.

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.
