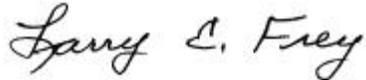


For: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1361

Approved By: State Executive Director



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1 Overview

A Background

Effective March 1, 2001 President Bush declared a Major disaster in eighteen Counties in the State of Washington, due to losses caused an earthquake that occurred from February 28 through March 16, 2001. The Major disaster declaration number is M1361. As a result, the following Oregon Counties were named as contiguous Counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance:

CLATSOP COLUMBIA HOOD RIVER MULTNOMAH

Loan applications will be received through November 16, 2001 for physical and production losses.

MORROW UMATILLA

Loan applications will be received through November 23, 2001 for physical and production losses.

B Purpose

The purpose of this Oregon Notice is to inform County Office employees of the counties eligible to receive and process emergency (EM) loan applications under this declaration.

C Contacts

Please inform the STO Farm Loan Staff of the commodities for which you will need yield and price information. Any questions you may have concerning the designation should also be directed to Lynn Voigt, Farm Loan Chief at (503) 692-3688, ext. 256.

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2 Action

A Implementation Responsibilities

EM loans will be made under Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Instruction 1945-D. For the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in Section 1945.175(c)(2) of FmHA Instruction 1945-D, the day before the beginning of the incidence period of the disaster is February 27, 2001.

Please take the notification and coordination actions as required by section 1945.21 of FmHA Instruction 1945-A. Among them is the requirement to ensure there is no duplication of FSA disaster benefits and actual loss Emergency loan benefits on the same losses. We therefore request that County Executive Directors and Farm Loan Managers or Farm Loan Officers serving the designated area personally meet to review the use of Form FmHA 1945-29, and to discuss the circumstances under which FSA disaster payments will be made payable jointly to the borrower and FSA.

We have a responsibility to ensure that there are no duplication of FCIC crop insurance or multi-peril crop insurance and FSA actual loss Emergency loan benefits for the same losses. Following the guidelines of Exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 2000-N, this will be accomplished by requiring Emergency loan applicants to sign an "Assignment of Indemnity" or Form FCI-20 or other acceptable form, authorizing the issuance of any loss claim settlement check on an insured crop to be made payable jointly to FSA and the policyholder. An exception would be when the amount of the loss claim or settlement on the insured crop is known and it is deducted from the amount of the FSA actual loss emergency loan.

B Filing Instructions

Preceding FmHA Instruction 1945-A and Operational File 14-1.