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USDA Designates 55 Counties in California as Primary Natural Disaster Areas With Assistance to Producers in Surrounding States

DAVIS, CA - Feb. 4, 2015 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 55 counties in California as primary natural disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by a recent drought. Those counties are:

Table with 4 columns listing California counties: Alameda, Kings, Nevada, Shasta, Alpine, Lake, Orange, Sierra, Amador, Lassen, Placer, Siskiyou, Butte, Los Angeles, Plumas, Solano, Calaveras, Madera, Riverside, Sonoma, Colusa, Marin, Sacramento, Stanislaus, Contra Costa, Mariposa, San Benito, Sutter, El Dorado, Mendocino, San Bernardino, Tehama, Fresno, Merced, San Diego, Trinity, Glenn, Modoc, San Joaquin, Tulare, Humboldt, Mono, San Luis Obispo, Tuolumne, Inyo, Monterey, San Mateo, Ventura, Kern, Napa, Santa Barbara, Yolo, Santa Clara, Yuba, Santa Cruz.

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in California also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are:

Table with 3 columns: Del Norte, Imperial, San Francisco

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties and city in Arizona, Nevada and Oregon also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are:

Arizona

Table with 2 columns: La Paz, Mohave

Nevada

Table with 4 columns: Carson City, Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Washoe

Oregon

Jackson	Josephine	Klamath	Lake
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All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Feb. 4, 2015, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

Additional programs available to assist farmers and ranchers include the Emergency Conservation Program, [The Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#), the [Livestock Indemnity Program](#), the [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#), and the [Tree Assistance Program](#). Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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