



## USDA Designates Four Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought, Excessive Heat, and High Winds

**Emergency Designation | Texas | November 22, 2024**

Texas

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

**Impacted Area:** Texas

**Triggering Disaster 1:** Drought, Excessive Heat, and High Winds occurring January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** June 23, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Willacy

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Cameron, Hidalgo, and Kenedy

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Excessive Heat occurring June 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

**Application Deadline:** June 23, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bee, Live Oak, and McMullen

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Atascosa, Duval, Goliad, Jim Wells, Karnes, La Salle, Refugio, San Patricio, and Webb

### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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