



Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Eight Counties in Louisiana as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Winter Storm Fern

Emergency Designation | Texas | March 17, 2026

Two Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

This Presidential disaster declaration 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: Louisiana

Triggering Disaster: Severe winter storm

Application Deadline: November 4, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible: Bienville, De Soto, East Carroll, Franklin, Moorehouse, Ouachita, Richland, and West Carroll

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Bossier	Catahoula	Lincoln	Red River	Union
Caddo	Claiborne	Madison	Sabine	Webster
Caldwell	Jackson	Natchitoches	Tensas	Winn

- **Arkansas:** Ashley, Chicot, and Union
- **Mississippi:** Issaquena and Warren
- **Texas:** Panola and Shelby

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](#).

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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