USDA Designates Three Texas Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Texas | September 14, 2026

Six Additional Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

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.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Impacted Area: Texas

Application Deadline: March 29, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible: Bailey, Cochran, and Nolan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Coke, Fisher, Hockley, Jones, Lamb, Mitchell, Parmer, Runnels, Scurry, Taylor, Terry, and Yoakum

- **New Mexico:** Curry, Lea, and Roosevelt

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Impacted Area: Louisiana

Application Deadline: March 29, 2027

Primary Parish Eligible: Cameron

Contiguous Parishes/Counties Also Eligible: Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Vermilion

- **Texas:** Jefferson and Orange

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Impacted Area: New Mexico

Application Deadline: March 29, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible: Curry, De Baca, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Torrance

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Bernalillo, Chaves, Harding, Lea, Lincoln, Los Alamos, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Socorro, and Valencia

- **Texas:** Bailey, Cochran, Deaf Smith, and Parmer

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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