

## **USDA Designates 118 Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

### Emergency Designation | May 10, 2021

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 <a href="mailto:emergency loans">emergency loans</a>. 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 the refinance of 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 (see <a href="http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/">http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/</a>), 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.

State: Texas

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

**Primary Counties Eligible:** 

Andrews

Aransas

Armstrong

Atascosa

Bailey

Bandera

**Bastrop** 

Bell

Bexar

Blanco

Borden

**Brazos** 

**Brewster** 

**Briscoe** 

Brooks Brown Burleson Caldwell Cameron Castro Childress Cochran Coleman Collingsworth	Comal Concho Crane Crockett Crosby Culberson Dallam Dawson Deaf Smith Dickens Dimmit Donley Duval Ector Edwards EI Paso Floyd Frio Gaines Garza Gillespie Glasscock	Guadalupe Hale Hall Hardeman Hays Hemphill Hidalgo Hockley Howard Hudspeth Irion Jeff Davis Jim Hogg Kendall Kenedy Kerr Kimble Kinney Lamb La Salle Lee Llano	Lynn McCulloch McMullen Martin Mason Maverick Medina Menard Midland Millam Mills Motley Nueces Oldham Parmer Pecos Presidio Randall Reagan Real Reeves Refugio	Runnels San Patricio San Saba Starr Sterling Swisher Terrell Terry Tom Green Travis Upton Uvalde Val Verde Ward Webb Wheeler Willacy Williamson Wilson Winkler Yoakum Zapata
	•	Llano Loving	Refugio Roberts	Zapata Zavala
	Grimes	Lubbock		

#### **Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

Texas: Bee, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Carson, Coke, Camanche, Coryell, Cottle, Eastland, Falls, Fayette, Foard, Goliad, Gonzales, Hamilton, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchison, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kent, King, Kleberg, Lampasas, Leon, Lipscomb, Live Oak, McLennan, Madison, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nolan, Ochiltree, Potter, Robertson, Schleicher, Scurry, Sherman, Stonewall, Sutton, Taylor, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wilbarger.

New Mexico: Curry, Dona Ana, Eddy, Lea, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt and Union

Oklahoma: Beckham, Cimarron, Ellis, Harmon, Jackson and Roger Mills

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs or to find your local USDA Service Center visit farmers.gov/recover.

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