

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Three Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 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 http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/), 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: Dec. 27, 2021

Primary Counties Eligible: Calhoun, Cooke and Montague

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

- Texas: Aransas, Clay, Denton, Grayson, Jack, Jackson, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria and Wise
- Oklahoma: Jefferson and Love

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

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