



USDA Designates 22 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 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.

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 29, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible:

Anderson	Bee	Brazos	Burleson
Cherokee	Crane	Dallas	DeWitt
Grimes	Hood	Houston	Johnson
Karnes	Leon	Live Oak	McMullen
Madison	Reagan	Somervell	Upton
Waller	Ward		

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Angelina	Atascosa	Austin	Bosque
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Collin	Crockett	Denton	Duval
Ector	Ellis	Erath	Fort Bend
Freestone	Glasscock	Goliad	Gonzales
Harris	Henderson	Hill	Irion
Jim Wells	Kaufman	La Salle	Lavaca
Lee	Limestone	Loving	Midland
Milam	Montgomery	Nacogdoches	Palo Pinto
Parker	Pecos	Reeves	Refugio
Robertson	Rockwall	Rusk	San Patricio
Smith	Sterling	Tarrant	Tom Green
Trinity	Victoria	Walker	Washington
Webb	Wilson	Winkler	

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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