

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Texas State FSA Office  
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**TX NOTICE FLP-1354**

**3-FLP (Rev. 2)**

**FOR: County Offices**

**Secretarial Disaster Declaration S5158**

**Approved by: Acting State Executive Director**

**1 Overview**

**A Background**

On **April 8, 2022**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **174 Texas Counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by Drought (Fast Track)** occurring **December 8, 2021 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

Anderson	Andrews	Angelina	Archer	Armstrong	Atascosa	Bailey
Bandera	Baylor	Bee	Bell	Bexar	Blanco	Borden
Bosque	Bowie	Brewster	Briscoe	Brooks	Brown	Burnet
Callahan	Camp	Carson	Cass	Castro	Cherokee	Childress
Clay	Cochran	Coke	Coleman	Collin	Collingsworth	Comal
Comanche	Concho	Cooke	Coryell	Cottle	Crane	Crockett
Crosby	Culberson	Dallam	Dallas	Dawson	Deaf Smith	Delta
Denton	Dickens	Dimmit	Donley	Duval	Eastland	Ector
Edwards	Ellis	Erath	Fannin	Fisher	Floyd	Foard
Franklin	Frio	Gaines	Garza	Gillespie	Glasscock	Gray
Grayson	Gregg	Hale	Hall	Hamilton	Hansford	Hardeman
Harrison	Hartley	Haskell	Hemphill	Henderson	Hill	Hockley
Hood	Hopkins	Houston	Howard	Hudspeth	Hunt	Hutchinson
Irion	Jeff Davis	Jefferson	Jim Hogg	Jim Wells	Johnson	Jones
Karnes	Kaufman	Kendall	Kent	Kerr	Kimble	King
Kinney	Knox	Lamar	Lamb	Lampasas	La Salle	Lipscomb
Live Oak	Llano	Loving	Lubbock	Lynn	McCulloch	McLennan
McMullen	Marion	Martin	Mason	Maverick	Medina	Midland
Mills	Mitchell	Montague	Moore	Morris	Motley	Nacogdoches
Navarro	Nolan	Ochiltree	Oldham	Orange	Palo Pinto	Panola
Parker	Parmer	Pecos	Potter	Presidio	Rains	Randall

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution (6-RMH/4/18/2022)</b>
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<b>Reagan</b>	<b>Real</b>	<b>Red River</b>	<b>Reeves</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Rockwall</b>	<b>Runnels</b>
<b>Rusk</b>	<b>San Augustine</b>	<b>San Saba</b>	<b>Schleicher</b>	<b>Scurry</b>	<b>Shackelford</b>	<b>Shelby</b>
<b>Sherman</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>Somervell</b>	<b>Starr</b>	<b>Stephens</b>	<b>Sterling</b>	<b>Stonewall</b>
<b>Sutton</b>	<b>Swisher</b>	<b>Tarrant</b>	<b>Taylor</b>	<b>Terrell</b>	<b>Terry</b>	

In addition to the above **counties, 53 other Texas counties** are named as **contiguous** where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

<b>Chambers</b>	<b>DeWitt</b>	<b>El Paso</b>	<b>Falls</b>	<b>Freestone</b>	<b>Goliad</b>	<b>Gonzales</b>
<b>Guadalupe</b>	<b>Hardin</b>	<b>Hays</b>	<b>Hidalgo</b>	<b>Jack</b>	<b>Jasper</b>	<b>Kenedy</b>
<b>Kleberg</b>	<b>Leon</b>	<b>Liberty</b>	<b>Limestone</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Menard</b>	<b>Milam</b>
<b>Newton</b>	<b>Nueces</b>	<b>Polk</b>	<b>Refugio</b>	<b>Sabine</b>	<b>San Patricio</b>	
<b>Throckmorton</b>	<b>Titus</b>	<b>Ton Green</b>	<b>Travis</b>	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Upshur</b>
<b>Upton</b>	<b>Uvalde</b>	<b>Val Verde</b>	<b>Van Zandt</b>	<b>Walker</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Webb</b>
<b>Wheeler</b>	<b>Wichita</b>	<b>Wilbarger</b>	<b>Williamson</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Winkler</b>	<b>Wise</b>
<b>Wood</b>	<b>Yoakum</b>	<b>Young</b>	<b>Zapata</b>	<b>Zavala</b>		

Also, in accordance with section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in an adjacent State that are contiguous to one or more of the designated **Oklahoma counties**, are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. For this designation, the affected States and counties are:

<b><u>Arkansas</u> (2)</b>	<b>Little River</b>	<b>Miller</b>			
<b><u>Louisiana</u> (5)</b>	<b>Caddo</b>	<b>Calcasieu</b>	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>De Soto</b>	<b>Sabine</b>
<b><u>New Mexico</u> (7)</b>	<b>Curry</b>	<b>Eddy</b>	<b>Lea</b>	<b>Otero</b>	<b>Quay</b>
	<b>Roosevelt</b>	<b>Union</b>			
<b><u>Oklahoma</u> (15)</b>	<b>Beckham</b>	<b>Bryan</b>	<b>Choctaw</b>	<b>Cimarron</b>	<b>Cotton</b>
	<b>Ellis</b>	<b>Harmon</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Love</b>
	<b>McCurtain</b>	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Roger Miller</b>	<b>Texas</b>	

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

**B Application Deadline**

EM Loan applications will be received through **December 8, 2022** for **production and physical losses**.

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### **2 Action**

#### **A Exceptions for Application Deadlines**

County Offices shall thoroughly review Exhibit 1.

#### **B Determining Security Values**

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **November 1, 2021**.

#### **C District Director's and Farm Loan Manager's Responsibilities**

District Directors and Farm Loan Managers shall follow instructions according to 3-FLP (Rev. 2), and FmHA Instruction 1945-A for emergency loan applicability.

The Farm Loan Manager shall notify borrowers of Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) availability in accordance with handbook 5-FLP paragraph 42.

#### **D Public Announcements**

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local Agricultural lenders and leaders.

### **3 Contact Point**

#### **A Inquires**

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact the Conservation or Farm Loan Program Division.

Subject: **Secretarial Disaster Declaration S5158**

Please carefully review the notice listing the primary and contiguous counties determined eligible by the Secretary and the Emergency Preparedness and Programs Branch for emergency (EM) loans effective **April 8, 2022**.

This declaration is coded **S5158**, and EM loan applications will be received through **December 8, 2022**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **November 1, 2021**.

Please proceed to take the appropriate notification and coordination actions required by Handbook 1-DIS and 7CFR part 759.