



USDA Designates 35 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 #1: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible:

Denton	Hardin	Jasper	Newton
Orange	Sabine	San Augustine	Tarrant
Tyler	Wise		

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Angelina	Collin	Cooke	Dallas
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Ellis	Grayson	Jack	Jefferson
Johnson	Liberty	Montague	Nacogdoches
Parker	Polk	Shelby	

Louisiana: Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Sabine, and Vernon

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster #2: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 22, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible:

Angelina	Aransas	Bastrop	Brazoria
Calhoun	Chambers	Fort Bend	Galveston
Goliad	Harris	Jackson	Jefferson
Lee	Liberty	Matagorda	Montgomery
Nacogdoches	Polk	Refugio	San Jacinto
Shelby	Trinity	Victoria	Walker
Wharton			

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Austin	Bee	Burleson	Caldwell
Cherokee	Colorado	DeWitt	Fayette

Grimes	Hardin	Houston	Jasper
Karnes	Lavaca	Madison	Milam
Nueces	Orange	Panola	Rusk
Sabine	San Augustine	San Patricio	Travis
Tyler	Waller	Washington	Williamson

Louisiana: Cameron, De Soto, and Sabine

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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