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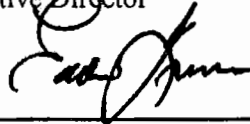
TX NOTICE FLP-1213

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4529

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

On **September 9, 2019**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **8 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by drought (Fast Track)** occurring **August 27, 2019 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

**Briscoe Castro Jim Wells Nueces Refugio San Patricio Wichita
Wilbarger**

In addition to the above **counties, 25 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:

**Aransas Archer Armstrong Baylor Bee Brooks Calhoun
Clay Deaf Smith Donley Duval Floyd Foard Goliad
Hale Hall Hardeman Kleberg Lamb Live Oak Motley
Parmer Randall Swisher Victoria**

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:

Oklahoma (3) Cotton Jackson Tillman

Disposal Date	Distribution (6-RMH/09/16/2019)
September 30, 2020	County Offices

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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 **May 11, 2020** for **production and physical losses**.

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 **August 27, 2019**.

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 S4529**

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 **September 9, 2019**.

This declaration is coded **S4529**, and EM loan applications will be received through **May 11, 2020**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **August 27, 2019**.

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