

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Texas State FSA Office
2405 Texas Avenue South
College Station, TX 77840

TX NOTICE FLP-1375

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Secretarial Disaster Declaration S5259

Approved by: State Executive Director

1 Overview

A Background

On **August 15, 2022**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **3 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by Drought (Fast Track)** occurring **June 21, 2022 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

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In addition to the above **counties**, **20 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:

Anderson Angelina Archer Brazos Clay Freestone Hardin
Houston Liberty Limestone Madison Montague Palo Pinto Parker
Robertson San Jacinto Trinity Tyler Wise Young

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 **April 17, 2023** for **production and physical losses**.

Disposal Date August 31, 2023	Distribution (6-RMH/8/25/2022) County Offices
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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 **June 21, 2022**.

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 S5259**

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 **August 15, 2022**.

This declaration is coded **S5259**, and EM loan applications will be received through **April 17, 2023**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **June 21, 2022**.

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