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## **USDA Designates 22 California Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

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Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue designated 22 California counties, as primary natural disaster areas, under two separate disaster designations. Producers who suffered losses due to recent drought, may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) [emergency loans](#).

This natural disaster designation allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. 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 the refinance of certain debts.

### **Drought Designation #1**

Producers in Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, and Tehama counties who suffered losses due to recent drought, may be eligible for emergency loans.

Producers in the contiguous California counties of Humboldt, Napa, Plumas, Shasta, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is Feb. 10, 2021.

### **Drought Designation #2**

Producers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties who suffered losses due to recent drought may be eligible for emergency loans.

Producers in the contiguous California counties of Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Plumas, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Sierra, and Stanislaus, along with Douglas and Washoe counties, and Carson City in Nevada, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is Feb. 16, 2021.

FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

FSA has a variety of additional programs to help farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster.

FSA programs that do not require a disaster declaration include: [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#); [Emergency Conservation Program](#); [Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#); [Livestock Indemnity Program](#); [Operating and Farm Ownership Loans](#); and the [Tree Assistance Program](#).

Farmers may contact their local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at [farmers.gov/recover](https://farmers.gov/recover).

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