

# USDA Designates 62 Louisiana Counties as a Primary Natural Disaster Area

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### ***Six Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance***

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:** Louisiana

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Acadia	Allen	Ascension	Assumption
Avoyelles	Beauregard	Bienville	Calcasieu
Caldwell	Cameron	Catahoula	Claiborne
Concordia	De Soto	East Baton Rouge	East Carroll

East Feliciana	Evangeline	Franklin	Grant
Iberia	Iberville	Jackson	Jefferson
Jefferson Davis	Lafayette	Lafourche	LaSalle
Lincoln	Livingston	Madison	Morehouse
Natchitoches	Orleans	Ouachita	Plaquemines
Pointe Coupee	Rapides	Red River	Richland
Sabine	St. Bernard	St. Charles	St. Helena
St. James	St. John the Baptist	St. Landry	St. Martin
St. Mary	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	Tensas
Terrebonne	Union	Vermillion	Vernon
Washington	Webster	West Baton Rouge	West Carroll
West Feliciana	Winn		

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Bossier and Caddo

**Arkansas:** Ashley, Chicot, Columbia, Lafayette, and Union

**Mississippi:** Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Hancock, Issaquena, Jefferson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Pike, Sharkey, Walthall, Warren, Washington, and Wilkinson

**Texas:** Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Panola, Sabine, and Shelby

### **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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