



Farm Service Agency
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USDA Designates Three Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Excessive Rain, Flash Flooding, Hail, High Winds, Lightning, and Excessive Heat

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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.

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster: Excessive Rain, Flash Flooding, Hail, High Winds, and Lightning occurring on May 25, 2023

Application Deadline: December 24, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Lamb

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, and Parmer

Triggering Disaster 2: Excessive Heat occurring from June 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023

Application Deadline: December 24, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Kleberg and Nueces

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Aransas, Brooks, Jim Wells, Kenedy, and San Patricio

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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