

USDA Designates Three Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought (Fast-Track)

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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.

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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought (Fast-Track) occurring August 20, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: April 28, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Ward

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Crane, Ector, Loving, Pecos, Reeves, and Winkler

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought (Fast-Track) occurring July 9, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: May 5, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Crane and Wilbarger

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Archer, Baylor, Crockett, Ector, Foard, Hardeman, Pecos, Upton, Ward, and Wichita

Oklahoma: Jackson and Tillman

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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