

USDA Designates Four Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought, Excessive Heat, and High Winds

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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 1: Drought, Excessive Heat, and High Winds occurring January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

Application Deadline: June 23, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Willacy

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Kenedy

Triggering Disaster 2: Excessive Heat occurring June 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

Application Deadline: June 23, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Bee, Live Oak, and McMullen

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Atascosa, Duval, Goliad, Jim Wells, Karnes, La Salle, Refugio, San Patricio, and Webb

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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