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# USDA Designates 11 Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | December 13, 2021

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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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster #1: Drought

Application Deadline: Aug. 3, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Foard and Wilbarger

#### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Texas: Archer, Baylor, Cottle, Hardeman, King, Knox and Wichita Oklahoma: Jackson and Tillman

Triggering Disaster #2: Winter storm that occurred during Feb. 10 through Feb. 19, 2021

Application Deadline: Aug. 8, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Throckmorton and Young

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Archer, Baylor, Haskell, Jack, Knox, Palo Pinto, Shackelford and Stephens

Triggering Disaster #3: Excessive moisture that occurred during May 1 through Sept. 30, 2021

Application Deadline: Aug. 8, 2022

### Primary Counties Eligible: Castro, Hale, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Nueces and Willacy

#### Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

| Aransas | Deaf Smith | Hockley | Live Oak | Randall      |
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| Brooks  | Duval      | Kenedy  | Lubbock  | San Patricio |
| Cameron | Floyd      | Lamb    | Parmer   | Swisher      |
| Crosby  | Hidalgo    |         |          |              |

Triggering Disaster #4: Hurricane Nicholas that occurred on Sept. 14, 2021

Application Deadline: Aug. 8, 2022

Primary County Eligible: Brazoria

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Matagorda and Wharton

#### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> 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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