



## USDA Designates 56 Louisiana Parishes as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 the refinance of 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

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 8, 2022

**Primary Parishes Eligible:**

Acadia	Concordia	Lafourche	St. Helena
Allen	De Soto	LaSalle	St. Landry
Ascension	East Baton Rouge	Lincoln	St. Martin
Assumption	East Carroll	Livingston	St. Mary
Avoyelles	East Feliciana	Madison	Tangipahoa

Beauregard	Evangeline	Morehouse	Tensas
Bienville	Franklin	Natchitoches	Terrebonne
Bossier	Grant	Ouachita	Union
Caddo	Iberia	Plaquemines	Vermilion
Calcasieu	Iberville	Pointe Coupee	Webster
Caldwell	Jackson	Rapides	West Baton Rouge
Cameron	Jefferson	Red River	West Carroll
Catahoula	Jefferson Davis	Richland	West Feliciana
Claiborne	Lafayette	Sabine	Winn

**Contiguous Parishes/Counties Also Eligible:**

**Louisiana:** Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Vernon, Washington

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

**Mississippi:** Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Issaquena, Jefferson, Pike, Warren, Wilkinson

**Texas:** Cass, Harrison, Marion, Newton, Orange, Panola, Sabine, Shelby

**More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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