

USDA Designates Seven Texas Counties 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: Texas

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Jan. 3, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible:

Texas:

DeWitt	Freestone	Guadalupe	Newton
Falls	Gonzales	Limestone	

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Texas:

Anderson	Goliad	Lavaca	Orange
Bell	Hays	Leon	Robertson
Bexar	Henderson	McLennan	Sabine
Caldwell	Hill	Milam	Victoria
Comal	Jasper	Navarro	Wilson
Fayette	Karnes		

Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible:

Louisiana: Beauregard, Calcasieu, Sabine and Vernon

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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