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## [USDA Designates Five Louisiana Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas](#)

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### ***Four Contiguous Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance***

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:** Louisiana

**Triggering Disaster:** Excessive Rains

**Application Deadline:** October 2, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bossier, Caddo, Grant, Rapides, West Carroll

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Allen, Avoyelles, Bienville, De Soto, East Carroll, Evangeline, LaSalle, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland, Vernon, Webster, and Winn

**Arkansas:** Chicot, Lafayette, Miller

**Texas:** Cass, Harrison, Marion, Panola

### **More Resources**

On [farmers.gov](https://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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