



## USDA Designates 150 Texas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Qualifying Drought

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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.

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 #1:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** November 17, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

|         |          |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Andrews | Atascosa | Austin   | Bailey   |
| Bandera | Bell     | Bexar    | Blanco   |
| Borden  | Bosque   | Briscoe  | Brooks   |
| Brown   | Burnet   | Caldwell | Callahan |

|          |           |            |               |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Carson   | Castro    | Childress  | Clay          |
| Cochran  | Coke      | Coleman    | Collingsworth |
| Colorado | Comal     | Comanche   | Concho        |
| Cooke    | Coryell   | Cottle     | Crosby        |
| Dallam   | Dawson    | Deaf Smith | Dickens       |
| Dimmit   | Duval     | Eastland   | Edwards       |
| Erath    | Falls     | Fayette    | Fisher        |
| Floyd    | Foard     | Frio       | Gaines        |
| Garza    | Gillespie | Glasscock  | Gonzales      |
| Gray     | Grayson   | Guadalupe  | Hale          |
| Hall     | Hamilton  | Hansford   | Hardeman      |
| Hartley  | Haskell   | Hays       | Hemphill      |
| Hidalgo  | Hill      | Howard     | Hutchinson    |
| Jim Hogg | Jim Wells | Jones      | Kendall       |
| Kenedy   | Kent      | Kerr       | Kimble        |
| King     | Kinney    | Kleberg    | Knox          |
| Lamb     | Lampasas  | Lavaca     | Limestone     |
| Lipscomb | Llano     | Lubbock    | Lynn          |

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| McCulloch   | McLennan   | Martin     | Mason     |
| Maverick    | Medina     | Menard     | Midland   |
| Milam       | Mills      | Mitchell   | Montague  |
| Moore       | Motley     | Nolan      | Ochiltree |
| Oldham      | Palo Pinto | Parker     | Parmer    |
| Potter      | Randall    | Real       | Roberts   |
| Robertson   | Runnels    | San Saba   | Scurry    |
| Shackelford | Sherman    | Starr      | Stephens  |
| Sterling    | Stonewall  | Swisher    | Taylor    |
| Terry       | Tom Green  | Travis     | Uvalde    |
| Val Verde   | Washington | Webb       | Wheeler   |
| Wichita     | Wilbarger  | Williamson | Wilson    |
| Yoakum      | Zapata     | Zavala     |           |

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

|          |           |         |           |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Archer   | Armstrong | Bastrop | Baylor    |
| Brazos   | Burleson  | Cameron | Collin    |
| Crockett | Denton    | DeWitt  | Donley    |
| Ector    | Ellis     | Fannin  | Fort Bend |

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| Freestone    | Grimes   | Hockley      | Hood       |
| Irion        | Jack     | Jackson      | Johnson    |
| Karnes       | La Salle | Lee          | Leon       |
| Live Oak     | McMullen | Madison      | Navarro    |
| Nueces       | Reagan   | San Patricio | Schleicher |
| Throckmorton | Upton    | Victoria     | Waller     |
| Wharton      | Willacy  | Winkler      | Wise       |
| Young        |          |              |            |

**New Mexico:** Curry, Lea, Quay, Roosevelt, and Union

**Oklahoma:** Beaver, Beckham, Bryan, Cimmaron, Cotton, Ellis, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Love, Marshall, Roger Mills, Texas, and Tillman

**Triggering Disaster #2:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** November 24, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** La Salle

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Atascosa, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, McMullen and Webb

**Triggering Disaster #3:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** December 7, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Armstrong and Sutton

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Briscoe, Carson, Crockett, Donley, Edwards, Gray, Kimble, Menard, Potter, Randall, Schleicher, Swisher, and Val Verde

**Triggering Disaster #4:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** December 14, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Donley

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hall, and Wheeler

**Triggering Disaster #5:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** January 8, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Ector, Hockley, and Schleicher

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Hale, Irion, Kimble, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Menard, Midland, Sutton, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum

**Triggering Disaster #6:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** January 16, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Crockett, Pecos, and Terrell

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Brewster, Crane, Irion, Jeff Davis, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton, Val Verde, and Ward

**Triggering Disaster #7:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** January 16, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Winkler

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Andrews, Ector, Loving, and Ward

**New Mexico:** Lea

**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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