

USDA Designates 13 Louisiana Parishes as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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Five 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.

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: April 15, 2024

Primary Parishes Eligible: Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion

Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible: Allen, Assumption, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Point Coupee, St. Landry, Terrebonne, and Vernon

Texas: Newton and Orange

Impacted Area: Texas

Triggering Disaster #2: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 22, 2024

Primary Parishes Eligible: Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Sabine, St. Landry, and Cameron

Contiguous Parishes Also Eligible: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, De Soto, Evangeline, Iberville, Lafayette, Natchitoches, Point Coupee, Rapides, St. Martin, and Vermilion

Texas: Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Shelby

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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