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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## USDA Designates Eight 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 to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

**Impacted Area:** Texas

**Triggering Disaster:** Rain, Flooding, Hail, and High Winds

**Application Deadline:** May 29, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Parmer, Randall, and Swisher

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Armstrong, Carson, Cochran, Crosby, Donley, Floyd, Hall, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Motley, Oldham, and Potter

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

### **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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