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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

October 15, 2019

The Honorable James Oakley
Burnet County Judge
Burnet County Courthouse
220 S Pierce St
Burnet, TX 78611-2200

Dear Judge Oakley:

We have received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that your county has been designated eligible to apply for low-interest emergency disaster loans based on damages and losses caused by drought occurring September 10, 2019 and continuing. Fifteen Texas counties have been declared primary natural disaster areas. There are an additional twenty-eight other Texas counties designated as a contiguous counties.

The Secretary has notified the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to immediately make emergency loans available to eligible applicants in your county. Your local FSA office will have the details on this program.

In addition, the Small Business Administration (SBA), in an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), provides low-interest federal disaster loans to eligible small businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers in counties that have received a disaster declaration from the Secretary of Agriculture.

I have enclosed a copy of the information provided by the USDA. If you have any questions, please call Debra Rivier-Harris at (512) 424-7835.

Sincerely,

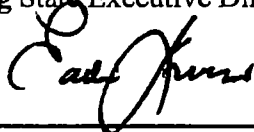
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Nim Kidd".

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CPA
Chief— Texas Division of Emergency Management
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Texas A&M University System

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Enclosures

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Texas State FSA Office
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College Station, TX 77840

TX NOTICE FLP-1216**3-FLP (Rev. 2)****FOR: County Offices****Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4538****Approved by: Acting State Executive Director****1 Overview****A Background**

On **October 4, 2019**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **15 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by drought (Fast track)** occurring **September 10, 2019 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

Baylor	Bell	Callahan	Foard	Hardeman	Haskell	Jones
Knox	Milam	Nolan	Runnels	Shackelford	Taylor	
Throckmorton		Williamson				

In addition to the above **counties**, **28 other Texas counties** are named as **contiguous** where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

Archer	Bastrop	Brown	Burleson	Burnet	Childress	Coke
Coleman	Concho	Coryell	Cottle	Eastland	Falls	Fisher
King	Lampasas	Lee	McLennan	Mitchell	Robertson	Scurry
Stephens	Stonewall	Tom Green	Travis	Wichita	Wilbarger	Young

Also, in accordance with section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in an adjacent State that are contiguous to one or more of the designated **Texas counties**, are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. For this designation, the affected States and counties are:

Oklahoma (2) **Harmon** **Jackson**

Disposal Date

October 31, 2020

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This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

B Application Deadline

EM Loan applications will be received through **June 4, 2020** for **production and physical losses**.

2 Action

A Exceptions for Application Deadlines

County Offices shall thoroughly review Exhibit 1.

B Determining Security Values

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **September 10, 2019**.

C District Director's and Farm Loan Manager's Responsibilities

District Directors and Farm Loan Managers shall follow instructions according to 3-FLP (Rev. 2), and FmHA Instruction 1945-A for emergency loan applicability.

The Farm Loan Manager shall notify borrowers of Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) availability in accordance with handbook 5-FLP paragraph 42.

D Public Announcements

Special emphasis will be placed on informing the farm community through public announcements and arranging and conducting meetings with local Agricultural lenders and leaders.

3 Contact Point

A Inquires

If there are questions concerning this notice, contact the Conservation or Farm Loan Program Division.

Subject: Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4538

Please carefully review the notice listing the primary and contiguous counties determined eligible by the Secretary and the Emergency Preparedness and Programs Branch for emergency (EM) loans effective **October 4, 2019**.

This declaration is coded **S4538**, and EM loan applications will be received through **June 4, 2020**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **September 10, 2019**.

Please proceed to take the appropriate notification and coordination actions required by Handbook 1-DIS and 7CFR part 759.