

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Texas State FSA Office  
2405 Texas Avenue South  
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**TX NOTICE FLP-1309**

**3-FLP (Rev. 2)**

**FOR: County Offices**

**Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4932**

**Approved by: Acting State Executive Director**

**1 Overview**

**A Background**

On **March 26, 2021**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **10 Texas counties** as a primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by Drought (Fast Track)** occurring **February 2, 2021 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

**Bee            Brazoria        Cottle            DeWitt            Karnes            King            Kleberg**  
**Live Oak      Matagorda      Victoria**

In addition to the above **counties, 29 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:

**Atascosa      Brooks            Calhoun          Childress        Dickens          Duval            Foard**  
**Fort Bend     Galveston       Goliad            Gonzales        Hall              Hardeman       Harris**  
**Haskell        Jackson          Jim Wells        Kenedy          Kent              Knox             Lavaca**  
**McMullen     Motley           Nueces           Refugio          San Patricio    Stonewall       Wharton**  
**Wilson**

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>Disposal Date</b>  March 31, 2022	<b>Distribution (6-RMH/3/31/2021)</b>  County Offices
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### **B Application Deadline**

EM Loan applications will be received through **November 26, 2021** 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 **February 2, 2021**.

### **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 S4932**

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 **March 26, 2021**.

This declaration is coded **S4932**, and EM loan applications will be received through **November 26, 2021**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **February 2, 2021**.

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