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October 25, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pape
Bastrop County Judge
Bastrop County Courthouse
804 Pecan St Ste 101
Bastrop, TX 78602-3846

Dear Judge Pape:

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 drought occurring October 1, 2019 and continuing. Twenty-five Texas counties have been declared primary natural disaster areas. There are an additional fifty-two 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". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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

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Enclosures

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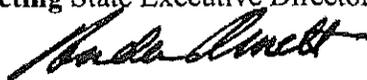
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3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4552

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

On **October 15, 2019**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **25 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses caused by drought (fast track) occurring **October 1, 2019 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

Anderson	Atascosa	Bastrop	Brown	Burleson	Caldwell	Ellis
Freestone	Gonzales	Henderson	Hill	Johnson	Kimble	Lee
Llano	McCulloch	McLennan	Mason	Menard	Navarro	Sutton
Travis	Val Verde	Washington	Wilson			

In addition to the above counties, **52 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:

Austin	Bell	Bexar	Blanco	Bosque	Brazos	Burnet
Callahan	Cherokee	Coleman	Comanche	Concho	Coryell	Crockett
Dallas	DeWitt	Eastland	Edwards	Falls	Fayette	Frio
Gillespie	Grimes	Guadalupe	Hays	Hood	Houston	Karnes
Kaufman	Kerr	Kinney	La Salle	Lavaca	Leon	Limestone
Live Oak	McMullen	Medina	Milam	Mills	Parker	Robertson
San Saba	Schleicher	Smith	Somervell	Tarrant	Terrell	Tom Green
Van Zandt	Waller	Williamson				

Disposal Date	Distribution (6-RMH/10/17/2019)
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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 15, 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 **October 1, 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 S4552**

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 15, 2019**.

This declaration is coded **S4552**, and EM loan applications will be received through **June 15, 2020**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **October 1, 2019**.

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