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March 4, 2019

The Honorable Carbett J. Duhon, III
Waller County Judge
Waller County Courthouse
836 Austin Street, Ste. 203
Hempstead, TX 77445

Dear Judge Duhon:

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that farm operators in your county are eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency disaster loans from USDA as a result of a Presidential Declaration declared by FEMA for 33 primary counties and 69 contiguous counties in Texas. Please be aware that if your county is listed as a *contiguous county*, you will not qualify for FEMA assistance unless specifically declared by FEMA.

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.

I have enclosed a copy of the information provided by the USDA. If you have any questions, please call Marla Wise at (512) 560-1528.

Sincerely,

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

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM
Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management
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ENCLOSURES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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TX NOTICE FLP-1200

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4416

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Background

On **February 25, 2019**, President Trump declared **33 counties** in Texas as a primary natural disaster area. This action is based on Severe Storms & Flooding **beginning September 10, 2018 through November 2, 2018**. The primary counties are:

Archer	Baylor	Brown	Burnet	Callahan	Comanche	Coryell
Dimmit	Edwards	Fannin	Franklin	Grimes	Haskell	Hill
Hopkins	Houston	Jones	Kimble	Kinney	Knox	Llano
McCulloch	Madison	Mason	Menard	Nolan	Real	San Saba
Sutton	Throckmorton	Travis	Uvalde	Val Verde		

In addition to the above counties, **69 other Texas Counties** are named as **contiguous counties** 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:

Anderson	Angelina	Bandera	Bastrop	Bell	Blanco	Bosque
Brazos	Caldwell	Camp	Cherokee	Clay	Coke	Coleman
Collin	Concho	Crockett	Delta	Eastland	Ellis	Erath
Fisher	Foard	Frio	Gillespie	Grayson	Hamilton	Hays
Hunt	Jack	Johnson	Kerr	King	Lamar	Lampasas
La Salle	Leon	Limestone	McLennan	Maverick	Medina	Mills
Mitchell	Montgomery	Navarro	Rains	Red River	Robertson	Runnels
Schleicher	Scurry	Shackelford	Stephens	Stonewall	Taylor	Terrell
Titus		Tom Green	Trinity	Walker	Waller	Washington

Disposal Date	Distribution (6-RMH/03/01/2019)
February 29, 2020	County Offices

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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 – (1) **Bryan**

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 **October 25, 2019** 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, 2018**.

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.