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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

October 3, 2019

The Honorable Duane Peters  
Brazos County Judge  
Brazos County Courthouse  
200 S Texas Ave Ste. 332  
Bryan, TX 77803-3999

Dear Judge Peters:

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 excessive moisture and flooding occurring September 1, 2019 and continuing. Thirteen Texas counties have been declared primary natural disaster areas. There are an additional forty-five 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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 Texas State FSA Office  
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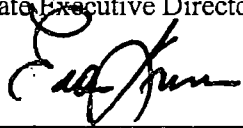
**TX NOTICE FLP-1214**

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

**FOR: County Offices**

**Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4534**

**Approved by: Acting State Executive Director**



**I Overview**

**A Background**

On **September 6, 2019**, the Secretary of Agriculture designated **13 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses **caused by excessive moisture and flooding** occurring **September 1, 2018 and continuing**. The primary counties are:

<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>Bowie</b>	<b>Burleson</b>	<b>Collin</b>	<b>Ellis</b>	<b>Fannin</b>	<b>Floyd</b>
<b>Grayson</b>	<b>Hunt</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Lipscomb</b>	<b>Matagorda</b>	<b>Red River</b>	

In addition to the above **counties**, **45 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:

<b>Brazoria</b>	<b>Brazos</b>	<b>Briscoe</b>	<b>Calhoun</b>	<b>Carson</b>	<b>Cass</b>	<b>Colorado</b>
<b>Cooke</b>	<b>Crosby</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>Denton</b>	<b>Dickens</b>	<b>Donley</b>
<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Gray</b>	<b>Hale</b>	<b>Hemphill</b>	<b>Henderson</b>	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Hopkins</b>
<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Kaufman</b>	<b>Lamar</b>	<b>Lavaca</b>	<b>Lee</b>	<b>Lubbock</b>	<b>Milam</b>
<b>Morris</b>	<b>Motley</b>	<b>Navarro</b>	<b>Ochiltree</b>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>Rains</b>	<b>Randall</b>
<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Robertson</b>	<b>Rockwall</b>	<b>Swisher</b>	<b>Tarrant</b>	<b>Titus</b>	<b>Van Zandt</b>
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Wharton</b>				

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:

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution (6-RMH/09/16/2019)</b>
September 30, 2020	County Offices

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Arkansas (2)

Little River Miller

Oklahoma (7)

Beaver Bryan Choctaw Ellis Love  
McCurtain Marshall

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 **May 6, 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 1, 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.

Subject: **Secretarial Disaster Declaration S4534**

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 **September 6, 2019**.

This declaration is coded **S4534**, and EM loan applications will be received through **May 16, 2020**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **September 1, 2018**.

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