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September 8, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Branick
Jefferson County Judge
Jefferson County Courthouse
1149 Pearl Street, 4th Floor
Beaumont, TX 77701

Dear Judge Branick:

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 (see attached declaration and Amendments 1 and 3) for 22 primary counties and a number of 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 Steve Logan of my staff at 512-424-7732.

Sincerely,

W. Nim Kidd, CEM ®
Assistant Director
Texas Department of Public Safety
Chief
Texas Division of Emergency Management

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Farm Service Agency
 Texas State FSA Office
 2405 Texas Avenue South
 College Station, TX 77840

TX NOTICE FLP-1150

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332

Approved by: **Acting State Executive Director**

/s/ Erasmo Trevino

1 Overview

A Background

On **August 28, 2017**, President Trump declared **6 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses caused by **Hurricane Harvey** occurring from **August 23, 2017, and continuing**. The primary counties are:

Bee Goliad Kleberg Nueces Refugio
San Patricio

In addition to the above counties, **9 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:

Aransas Brooks Calhoun DeWitt Jim Wells
Karnes Kenedy Live Oak Victoria

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 **April 25, 2018** for **production and physical losses**.

2 Action

Disposal Date	Distribution (6-JDD/08/28/2017)
August 28, 2018	County Offices

TX Notice FLP-1150

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 **August 23, 2017**.

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: **Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332**

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 **August 25, 2017**.

This declaration is coded **M4332**, and EM loan applications will be received through **April 25, 2018**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **August 23, 2017**.

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Farm Service Agency
 Texas State FSA Office
 2405 Texas Avenue South
 College Station, TX 77840

TX NOTICE FLP-1151

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332, Amendment 1

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director

/s/ Erasmo Trevino

I Overview

A Background

On August 28, 2017, President Trump declared 13 Texas counties as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses caused by Hurricane Harvey occurring from August 23, 2017, and continuing. The primary counties are:

Aransas	Bexar	Brazoria	Calhoun	Chambers
Fort Bend	Galveston	Harris	Jackson	Liberty
Matagorda	Victoria	Wharton		

In addition to the above counties, 21 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	Austin	Bandera	Colorado	Comal
DeWitt	Goliad	Guadalupe	Hardin	Jefferson
Kendall	Lavaca	Medina	Montgomery	Nueces
Polk	Refugio	San Jacinto	San Patricio	Waller
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.

Disposal Date	Distribution (6-JDD/08/28/2017)
August 28, 2018 ,	County Offices

TX Notice FLP-1151

B Application Deadline

EM Loan applications will be received through **April 25, 2018** 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 **August 23, 2017**.

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

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3 Contact Point

A Inquires

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

Subject: **Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332A1**

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 **August 25, 2017**.

This declaration is coded **M4332A1**, and EM loan applications will be received through **April 25, 2018**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **August 23, 2017**.

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Texas State FSA Office
2405 Texas Avenue South
College Station, TX 77840

TX NOTICE FLP-1152

3-FLP (Rev. 2)

FOR: County Offices

Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332, Amendment 3

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director

/s/ Erasmo Trevino

1 Overview

A Background

On **September 01, 2017**, President Trump declared **3 Texas counties** as primary natural disaster areas. This action is based on damages and losses caused by **Hurricane Harvey** occurring from **August 23, 2017, and continuing**. The primary counties are:

Polk Tyler Walker

In addition to the above **counties**, **10 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:

Angelina Grimes Hardin Houston Jasper
Liberty Madison Montgomery San Jacinto Trinity

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 01, 2018** for **production and physical losses**.

Disposal Date September 30, 2018	Distribution (6-JDD/09/06/2017) County Offices
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TX Notice FLP-1152

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 **August 23, 2017**.

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: **Presidential Disaster Declaration M4332A3**

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 01, 2017**.

This declaration is coded **M4332A3**, and EM loan applications will be received through **May 01, 2018**. For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is **August 23, 2017**.

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