



July 2, 2020

Ms. Erin Hannigan, Chairperson  
Solano County Board of Supervisors  
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500  
Fairfield, California 94533

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Hannigan:

On June 16, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba** and the contiguous counties of **Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Plumas, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Sierra and Stanislaus**. This designation is a result of the final rule announced for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

ROBERT LARSEN  
Recovery Program Manager II

Enclosure

cc: Solano County Office of Emergency Services  
Solano County Agricultural Commissioner  
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)  
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**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation  
USDA #S4697 - D2, D3, D4 Drought**

**Designation  
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

<b>Eligible Primary County/Countries:</b>	<b>Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba</b>
<b>Eligible Contiguous County/Countries:</b>	<b>Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Plumas, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Stanislaus</b>
<b>Event:</b>	Final rule for the USDA Disaster Designation Process (7 CFR 759), which includes the nearly automatic approval for counties with drought intensity levels of D2 (for 8 consecutive weeks), D3, and D4 as reported on the U.S. Drought Monitor. <b>Incident Period:</b> Beginning April 21, 2020
<b>Assistance made available by designation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster</li> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$500,000</li> </ul>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<b>February 16, 2021</b>
<b>Who may apply:</b>	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
<b>How to apply:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture</li> <li>• Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)</li> </ul>

**USDA website for additional information:**

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl>