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USDA Announces Disaster Areas

This week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) designated counties in Kentucky, Oregon and Texas primary natural disaster areas, making all qualified farm operators eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

A complete list of designated counties, as well as additional information, is available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.