



July 2, 2020

Ms. Katherine Miller, Chairperson
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 627
Stockton, California 95202

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Miller:

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: San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services
San Joaquin 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.

Eligible Primary County/Countries:	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
Eligible Contiguous County/Countries:	Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino, Merced, Plumas, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Stanislaus
Event:	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. Incident Period: Beginning April 21, 2020
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	February 16, 2021
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • 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)

USDA website for additional information:

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