

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S4144 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

<p>Eligible Primary County/Countries:</p>	<p>Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura</p>
<p>Eligible Contiguous County/Countries:</p>	<p>Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Imperial, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Cruz</p>
<p>Event:</p>	<p>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. Beginning Date-Incident Period: January 1, 2017</p>
<p>Assistance made available by designation:</p>	<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
<p>Application deadline:</p>	<p>October 23, 2017</p>
<p>Who may apply:</p>	<p>Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations</p>
<p>How to apply:</p>	<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)
<p>USDA website for additional information:</p>	<p>https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl</p>