



March 7, 2017

Mr. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairperson
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, California 90012

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Ridley-Thomas:

On February 23, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **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**, and the contiguous counties of **Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Imperial, Sacramento, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz**. 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,

KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

- c: Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Services
Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Gary Leslie, County/State Liaison, CDFA
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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S4144 - D2, D3, D4 Drought

Designation Information

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County/Counties:	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
Eligible Contiguous County/Counties:	Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, Imperial, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Cruz
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. Beginning Date-Incident Period: January 1, 2017
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:	October 23, 2017
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/wehapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl