

Office of the Secretary Washington, D.C. 20250

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Steve Sisolak Governor State of Nevada Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Sisolak:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 13 Nevada counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your state and adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Nevada and Contiguous States

Primary Counties:

Nevada (13)

Churchill Esmeralda Lander Mineral Washoe
Clark Eureka Lincoln Nye White Pine

Elko Humboldt Lyon

Contiguous Counties:

Nevada (4)
Douglas Pershing Storey Carson City

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

Arizona (1)

Mohave

California (8)

Inyo Modoc Nevada San Bernardino Lassen Mono Placer Sierra

Idaho (3)

Cassia Owyhee Twin Falls

Oregon (3)

Harney Lake Malheur

Utah (7)

Beaver Iron Millard Washington
Box Elder Juab Tooele