



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

April 10, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating two California counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought. The primary counties included under this designation are:

Monterey

San Luis Obispo

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these counties have 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, six counties are named as contiguous disaster counties. The contiguous counties included under this designation are:

Fresno
Kern

Kings
San Benito

Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz

Other counties in California may have already been designated as natural disaster counties if they had previously met the requirements found under 7 CFR 759.5(a) for the current crop year.

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



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TO: State Executive Director(s)

California

FROM: Disaster Assistance Branch/Emergencies Section (DAB/ES)

SUBJECT: **Secretarial Disaster Designation S3504**

Please carefully review the following information concerning the subject disaster designation:

Secretarial Designation Number:	S3504
Approval date by the Secretary:	04/10/2013
Termination Date - EM loan applications:	12/10/2013
Beginning date – Incident period: (For determining EM loan security values)	02/12/2013
Ending Date - Incident Period:	04/08/2013
Crop Year(s) Affected:	2013
Disaster description:	Drought (Fast Track)

[Complete List of Primary Counties, Contiguous Counties, and Adjacent States, are in the attached ADDENDUM]

Please proceed to take the appropriate actions required by 7 CFR 759.

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 2014

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List of Primary and Contiguous Counties

St/Co FIPS Code	Primary	STATE	St/Co FIPS Code	Contiguous	STATE
06053	Monterey	California	06019	Fresno	California
06079	San Luis Obispo	California	06029	Kern	California
			06031	Kings	California
			06069	San Benito	California
			06083	Santa Barbara	California
			06087	Santa Cruz	California