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March 4, 2019

The Honorable Tony Leago Madison County Judge Madison County Courthouse 103 W. Trinity St. Ste 113 Madisonville, TX 77864

Dear Judge Leago:

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that farm operators in your county are eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency disaster loans from USDA as a result of a Presidential Declaration declared by FEMA for 33 primary counties and 69 contiguous counties in Texas. Please be aware that if your county is listed as a *contiguous county*, you will not qualify for FEMA assistance unless specifically declared by FEMA.

The Secretary has notified the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to immediately make emergency loans available to eligible applicants in your county. Your local FSA office will have the details on this program.

I have enclosed a copy of the information provided by the USDA. If you have any questions, please call Marla Wise at (512) 560-1528.

Sincerely,

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Texas State FSA Office 2405 Texas Avenue South P.O. Box 2900 College Station, TX 77841 **TX NOTICE FLP-1200**

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FOR: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4416

Approved by: Acting State Executive Director

1 Overview

A Background

On February 25, 2019, President Trump declared 33 counties in Texas as a primary natural disaster area. This action is based on Severe Storms & Flooding beginning September 10, 2018 through November 2, 2018. The primary counties are:

| Archer | Baylor | Brown | Burnet | Callahan | Comanche | Coryell |
|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Dimmit | Edwards | Fannin | Franklin | Grimes | Haskell | Hill |
| Hopkins | Houston | Jones | Kimble | Kinney | Knox | Llano |
| McCulloch | Madison | Mason | Menard | Nolan | Real | San Saba |
| Sutton | Throckmort | ton Travis | Uvalde | Val Verde | | |

In addition to the above counties, 69 other Texas Counties are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance, pursuant to section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Those counties are:

| Anderson | Angelina | Bandera | Bastrop | Bell | Blanco | Bosque |
|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Brazos | Caldwell | Camp | Cherokee | Clay | Coke | Coleman |
| Collin | Concho | Crockett | Delta | Eastland | Ellis | Erath |
| Fisher | Foard | Frio | Gillespie | Grayson | Hamilton | Hays |
| Hunt | Jack | Johnson | Kerr | King | Lamar | Lampasas |
| La Salle | Leon | Limestone | McLennan | Maverick | Medina | Mills |
| Mitchell | Montgomery | Navarro | Rains | Red River | Robertson | Runnels |
| Schleicher | Scurry | Shackelford | Stephens | Stonewall | Taylor | Terrell |
| Titus | | Tom Green | Trinity | Walker | Waller | Washington |

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February 29, 2020

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