



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

March 5, 2021

The Honorable Steve Sisolak
Governor
State of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Sisolak:

In accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 14 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom J. Vilsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Vilsack" clearly legible.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

Enclosure

Disaster Designation Areas for Nevada and Contiguous States

Primary Counties:

Nevada	(14)		
Churchill	Eureka	Lyon	Pershing
Clark	Humboldt	Mineral	Washoe
Elko	Lander	Nye	White Pine
Esmeralda	Lincoln		

Contiguous Counties:

Nevada	(3)		
Douglas	Storey	Carson City	

In addition, in accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, counties in adjacent states are named as contiguous disaster areas. Those states, counties, and numbers are:

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	