



Office of the Secretary
California, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

On April 6 through May 10, 2022, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requested a primary county disaster designation for 16 California counties due to losses caused by freeze that occurred during the 2022 Crop Year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reviewed the loss assessment reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating 15 California counties as primary natural disaster areas, in three separate disaster designations. In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your state and an adjacent state are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by these disasters.

After a full review, USDA has determined that Kings County did not sustain a 30-percent or greater crop production loss to a single farming enterprise to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation for these disaster events.

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

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Designation Number 1: Freeze that occurred during February 21 through February 28, 2022:

Primary Counties:

California	(10)			
Butte	Merced	Solano	Sutter	Yolo
Madera	San Joaquin	Stanislaus	Tehama	Yuba

Contiguous Counties:

California	(22)		
Alameda	Glenn	Nevada	Santa Clara
Amador	Lake	Placer	Shasta
Calaveras	Mariposa	Plumas	Sierra
Colusa	Mendocino	Sacramento	Trinity
Contra Costa	Mono	San Benito	Tuolumne
Fresno	Napa		

Designation Number 2: Freeze that occurred on February 24, 2022:

Primary Counties:

California	(2)
Colusa	Glenn

Contiguous Counties:

California	(6)	
Butte	Mendocino	Tehama
Lake	Sutter	Yolo

Designation Number 3: Freeze that occurred during April 11 through April 13, 2022:

Primary Counties:

California	(3)	
Amador	Calaveras	El Dorado

Contiguous Counties:

California	(6)	
Alpine	Sacramento	Stanislaus
Placer	San Joaquin	Tuolumne

Contiguous County in an Adjacent State:

Nevada	(1)
Douglas	