

NEWS RELEASE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE • FARM SERVICE AGENCY

USDA Farm Service Agency 2514 South Veterans Blvd., Suite 1 Edinburg, Texas 78539-7026

FSA ACCEPTING EMERGENCY LOAN APPLICATIONS

Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy Counties were declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on March 18, 2020. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production or suffered any production and physical loss caused by drought occurring March 3, 2020 and continuing are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance and/or hazard insurance are taken into consideration when determining a producer's eligibility and total loss.

FSA Acting Farm Loan Manager, Karla L. Garza, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Karla L. Garza said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is November 18, 2020. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA office is at 2514 South Veterans Blvd., Suite 1 in Edinburg, Texas. The telephone number is 956-381-0916 Extension 2.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

04-28-2020