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USDA Designates Four Counties in Utah as Primary Natural Disaster Areas with Assistance to Producers in Nevada

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WASHINGTON, May 14, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated Beaver, Iron, Piute and Sevier counties in **Utah** as <u>primary natural disaster areas</u> due to losses and damages caused by a recent drought.

Farmers and ranchers in the following contiguous counties in **Utah** also qualify for natural disaster assistance. Those counties are:

Emery	Kane	Sanpete	Wayne
Garfield	Millard	Washington	

Farmers and ranchers in the contiguous county of Lincoln in **Nevada** also qualify for natural disaster assistance.

Qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for the Farm Service Agency's (FSA's) emergency (EM) loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration of May 10, 2018, to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster

Other FSA programs that can provide assistance, but do not require a disaster declaration, include:

Operating and Farm Ownership Loans; the Emergency Conservation Program; Livestock Forage

Disaster Program; Livestock Indemnity Program; Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program; and the Tree Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact

their local USDA service centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

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