



October 8, 2020

Mr. Richard Valle, Chairperson
Alameda County Board of Supervisors
1221 Oak Street, Suite 536
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Valle:

On August 22, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared major disaster declaration FEMA-4558-DR, due to Wildfires beginning August 14, 2020, and is continuing. On September 28, 2020, the declaration FEMA-4558-DR was amended. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Emergency Loan Program has been made available for the primary counties of **Nevada** and **Santa Clara** and the contiguous counties of **Alameda, Merced, Placer, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Stanislaus** and **Yuba** in the State of California for both physical and crop production losses.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

Emilie Hill
Individual Assistance Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: Alameda County Office of Emergency Services
Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner
Ken Ogden, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
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U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) USDA #M4558, Amendment 5 – Wildfires

Declaration Information

The following table illustrates the declaration information.

Eligible Primary County/Countries or Land(s):	Nevada, Santa Clara
Eligible Contiguous County/Countries:	Alameda, Merced, Placer, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Stanislaus, Yuba
Event:	August 22, 2020, Presidential Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4558-DR, due to Wildfires beginning August 14, 2020, and is continuing. On September 28, 2020, FEMA-4558-DR was amended.
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	May 28, 2021
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl