

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Designation

The following table illustrates the designation information

Eligible Primary County(s):	San Benito
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Fresno, Merced, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz.
Reason / Event:	October 6 th , 2008, USDA Designation for drought beginning July 2007, and continuing.
Assistance made available by declaration:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster• Up to a maximum of \$500,000• Interest rate 3.75%
Application deadline for property damage:	June 8th 2009
Who may apply:	Framers 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:	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm