

# U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Designation

The following table illustrates the designation information

<b>Eligible Primary County(s):</b>	<b>San Benito</b>
<b>Eligible Contiguous County(s):</b>	<b>Fresno, Merced, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz.</b>
<b>Reason / Event:</b>	October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2008, USDA Designation for drought beginning July 2007, and continuing.
<b>Assistance made available by declaration:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster</li><li>• Up to a maximum of \$500,000</li><li>• Interest rate 3.75%</li></ul>
<b>Application deadline for property damage:</b>	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>
<b>Who may apply:</b>	Framers and Ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations.
<b>How to apply:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact local farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture.</li><li>• 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)</li></ul>
<b>USDA website for additional information:</b>	<a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm</a>