

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)

Introduction:

The AWEP Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP published January 14, 2009) includes a provision to provide an “exceptional drought” exemption to the land eligibility requirement for irrigation history under certain circumstances. The RFP defines exceptional drought as:

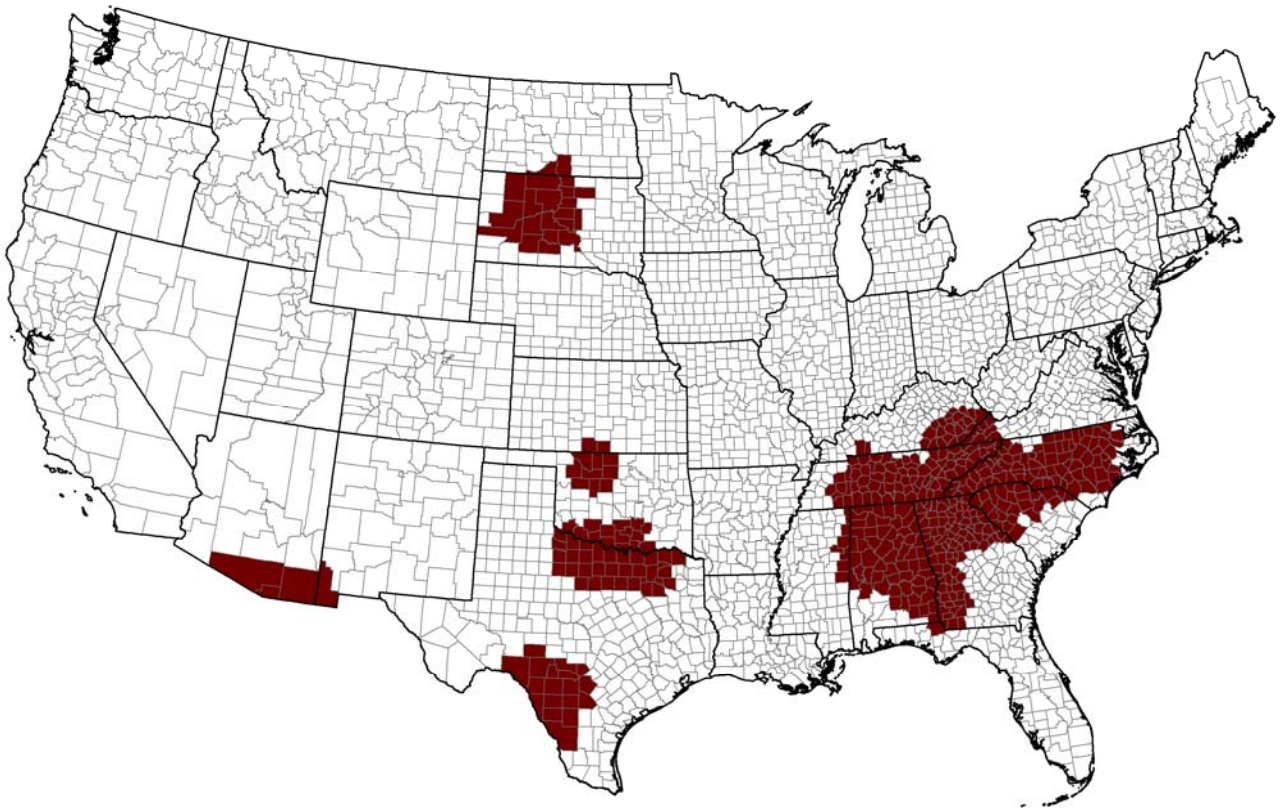
Exceptional Drought (D-4) means, as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, exceptional widespread crop/pasture losses; exceptional fire risk; shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells, creating water emergencies.”

In addition the RFP provides:

“For agricultural lands not irrigated for two of the previous five years, the construction, improvement, or maintenance of irrigation ponds, small on-farm reservoirs, or other agricultural water impoundment structures, which are designed to capture surface water runoff, are eligible only in an area that is experiencing or has experienced exceptional drought conditions between June 18, 2006 and June 18, 2008.”

NRCS has determined that the Counties shown on the following map and listed in the following pages meet the exceptional drought criteria, based upon information provided by NOAA and the National Drought Mitigation Center. Producer contracts including one or more of the above listed conservation practices and located in one of the listed Counties may be provided an exemption from the program requirement for irrigation history.

National Map of Counties meeting the D-4 “Exceptional Drought” requirement.



EQIP AWEP
Eligible Counties Containing Areas Designated D4
At Least Four Consecutive Weeks Between
06/18/06 and 06/18/08

No.	FIPS	County	State
1	01001	Autauga County	AL
2	01005	Barbour County	AL
3	01007	Bibb County	AL
4	01009	Blount County	AL
5	01011	Bullock County	AL
6	01013	Butler County	AL
7	01015	Calhoun County	AL
8	01017	Chambers County	AL
9	01019	Cherokee County	AL
10	01021	Chilton County	AL
11	01027	Clay County	AL
12	01029	Cleburne County	AL
13	01031	Coffee County	AL
14	01033	Colbert County	AL
15	01037	Coosa County	AL
16	01041	Crenshaw County	AL
17	01043	Cullman County	AL
18	01045	Dale County	AL
19	01047	Dallas County	AL
20	01049	DeKalb County	AL
21	01051	Elmore County	AL
22	01055	Etowah County	AL
23	01057	Fayette County	AL
24	01059	Franklin County	AL
25	01063	Greene County	AL
26	01065	Hale County	AL
27	01067	Henry County	AL
28	01069	Houston County	AL
29	01071	Jackson County	AL
30	01073	Jefferson County	AL
31	01075	Lamar County	AL
32	01077	Lauderdale County	AL
33	01079	Lawrence County	AL
34	01081	Lee County	AL
35	01083	Limestone County	AL
36	01085	Lowndes County	AL
37	01087	Macon County	AL
38	01089	Madison County	AL
39	01091	Marengo County	AL
40	01093	Marion County	AL
41	01095	Marshall County	AL
42	01101	Montgomery County	AL
43	01103	Morgan County	AL
44	01105	Perry County	AL
45	01107	Pickens County	AL
46	01109	Pike County	AL
47	01111	Randolph County	AL
48	01113	Russell County	AL
49	01115	Saint Clair County	AL

50	01117	Shelby County	AL
51	01119	Sumter County	AL
52	01121	Talladega County	AL
53	01123	Tallapoosa County	AL
54	01125	Tuscaloosa County	AL
55	01127	Walker County	AL
56	01133	Winston County	AL
57	04003	Cochise County	AZ
58	04019	Pima County	AZ
59	04023	Santa Cruz County	AZ
60	12063	Jackson County	FL
61	13007	Baker County	GA
62	13011	Banks County	GA
63	13013	Barrow County	GA
64	13015	Bartow County	GA
65	13035	Butts County	GA
66	13037	Calhoun County	GA
67	13045	Carroll County	GA
68	13047	Catoosa County	GA
69	13053	Chattahoochee County	GA
70	13055	Chattooga County	GA
71	13057	Cherokee County	GA
72	13059	Clarke County	GA
73	13061	Clay County	GA
74	13063	Clayton County	GA
75	13067	Cobb County	GA
76	13073	Columbia County	GA
77	13077	Coweta County	GA
78	13083	Dade County	GA
79	13085	Dawson County	GA
80	13087	Decatur County	GA
81	13089	DeKalb County	GA
82	13095	Dougherty County	GA
83	13097	Douglas County	GA
84	13099	Early County	GA
85	13105	Elbert County	GA
86	13111	Fannin County	GA
87	13113	Fayette County	GA
88	13115	Floyd County	GA
89	13117	Forsyth County	GA
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162	21051	Clay County	KY
163	21071	Floyd County	KY
164	21095	Harlan County	KY
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166	21119	Knott County	KY
167	21121	Knox County	KY
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182	21237	Wolfe County	KY
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