

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development has completed its 2020 decennial United States census review for all areas under its jurisdiction to identify areas that no longer qualify as rural for USDA Rural Housing programs. Based on the review of the areas within the state of California, using 2020 US census data, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation has changed for the following areas:

Areas whose rural eligibility designations is changing from ineligible to eligible (these areas now qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

- 1) Butte County - Oroville – Prior to the 1980 census, the City of Oroville was considered eligible. Over the 40 years the City of Oroville has not grown significantly. The demand for Single Family Housing has not declined. Butte County has suffered from a lack of affordable housing that has been exacerbated by the Camp Fire.
- 2) Humboldt County – Eureka – Humboldt County has so many rural areas with small towns that desperately need single family housing to serve the rural community which includes people working for the small schools, clinics, local stores, restaurants, Forest Service and CalFire in these remote locations.

Areas whose rural eligibility designations is changing from eligible to ineligible (these areas no longer qualify as rural for USDA Housing Programs):

- 1) San Bernardino County - Adelanto – Since the 1990 Census, the population of Adelanto has steadily increased and now is over 35,000 making the area ineligible for single family housing programs.

Changes become effective October 1, 2023.

The updated rural area map can now be viewed on our [eligibility website](#). Users will need to click on the program, for example: “Single Family Housing Direct”, and then click on “Proposed Eligibility Areas” from the menu options.

For a full list of changes, additional details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the California Rural Development Housing Program Staff at 530-792-5820.