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## **USDA Designates 22 Missouri Counties Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

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This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** Missouri

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Adair, Audrain, Bates, Cole, Cooper, Franklin, Henry, Hickory, Knox, Lewis, Maries, Marion, Moniteau, Monroe, Morgan, Pettis, Polk, Ralls, St. Clair, Saline, Schuyler, and Shelby

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Missouri-** Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Gasconade, Greene, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Macon, Miller, Montgomery, Osage, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, St. Charles, St. Louis, Scotland, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, and Washington

### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or

to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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