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## **USDA Designates Four Minnesota Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought in Iowa**

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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:** Iowa

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought- (Fast Track) S5684

**Application Deadline:** 12/2/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Howard, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Mitchell, Poweshiek, Tama, Washington, Winneshiek, Worth

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Allamakee, Clinton, Dubuque, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Keokuk, Louisa, Mahaska, Marshall, Muscatine, Scott, Winnebago, Wright

**Minnesota:** Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower

**Wisconsin:** Crawford, Grant

**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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