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## USDA Designates 43 Iowa Counties as 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.

**Secretarial Declaration Number:** S5684

**Emergency Loan Application Deadline:** December 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:** Allamakee, Clinton, Dubuque, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Keokuk, Louisa, Mahaska, Marshall, Muscatine, Scott, Winnebago, Wright

**Disaster Description:** Drought

### More Resources

On [farmers.gov](https://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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