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## USDA Designates Three Kansas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** Kansas

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought that occurred on May 7, 2024 through ongoing.

**Application Deadline:** March 10, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Grant, Hamilton, and Stanton

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**State:** Kansas

**Counties:** Finney, Greeley, Haskell, Morton, Stevens, and Wichita

**State:** Colorado

**Counties:** Baca and Prowers

**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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