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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.

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 11/25/2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New Mexico:** Catron, Chaves, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, and Sierra.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Arizona:** Apache, Cochise, and Greenlee

- **New Mexico:** Cibola, De Baca, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, Socorro, and Torrance.
- **Texas:** Andrews, Cochran, Culberson, El Paso, Gaines, Hudspeth, Loving, Reeves, Winkler, and Yoakum.

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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