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## **USDA Designates 50 California Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas** **Emergency Designation | May 10, 2021**

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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 the refinance of 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 (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), 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.

**State:** California

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** November 5, 2021

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Alameda  
Alpine  
Amador  
Butte  
Calaveras  
Colusa  
Contra Costa  
Del Norte  
El Dorado

Fresno

Glenn

Humboldt

Imperial

Inyo

Kern

Kings

Lake

Lassen

Los Angeles

Madera

Marin

Mariposa

Mendocino

Merced

Modoc

Mono

Napa

Nevada

Placer

Plumas

Riverside

Sacramento

San Bernardino

San Francisco

San Joaquin

San Mateo

Santa Clara

Shasta

Sierra

Siskiyou

Solano  
Sonoma  
Stanislaus  
Sutter  
Tehama  
Trinity  
Tulare  
Tuolumne  
Yolo  
Yuba

**Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

California: Monterey, Orange, San Benito, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura

Arizona: La Paz, Mohave and Yuma

Nevada: Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Washoe and Carson City

Oregon: Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs or to find your local USDA Service Center visit [farmers.gov/recover](https://farmers.gov/recover).

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