



## USDA Designates 13 Montana Counties as Primary 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 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:** Montana

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Jan. 3, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Carter	Dawson	Phillips	Roosevelt
Custer	Fallon	Prairie	Sheridan

Daniels	McCone	Richland	
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**Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

Montana:

Blaine	Garfield	Powder River
Fergus	Petroleum	Rosebud

North Dakota: Bowman, Divide, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Slope and Williams

South Dakota: Butte and Harding

Wyoming: Crook

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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