

## USDA Designates 14 Washington Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | July 06, 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.

**Impacted Area:** Washington

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Feb. 22, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Adams	Garfield	Lincoln	Walla Walla
Asotin	Grant	Spokane	Whitman
Columbia	Kittitas	Stevens	Yakima
Franklin	Klickitat		

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Washington:

Benton	Douglas	King	Okanogan	Pierce
Chelan	Ferry	Lewis	Pend Oreille	Skamania

Idaho: Benewah, Bonner, Kootenai, Latah and Nez Perce

Oregon: Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wallowa and Wasco

**More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance](#) fact sheet, and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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