



## USDA Designates Six Illinois Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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### **USDA Designates Six Illinois Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

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. ***Illinois FSA requests that producers wait until the crop is harvested before inquiring about emergency loan assistance.***

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:** Illinois

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

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

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Boone	DeKalb	Lake
Cook	Kane	McHenry

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Illinois:

DuPage	LaSalle	Ogle	Winnebag
Kendall	Lee	Will	

Indiana: Lake

Wisconsin: Kenosha, Rock and Walworth

### 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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