

## USDA Designates 25 Iowa Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | September 01, 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](#), 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:** Iowa

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** April 11, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

|            |             |          |          |            |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Black Hawk | Cerro Gordo | Greene   | Humboldt | Tama       |
| Boone      | Chickasaw   | Grundy   | Marshall | Webster    |
| Bremer     | Fayette     | Hamilton | Mitchell | Winneshiek |
| Butler     | Floyd       | Hancock  | Sac      | Worth      |
| Calhoun    | Franklin    | Hardin   | Story    | Wright     |

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Iowa:

|             |          |            |
|-------------|----------|------------|
| Allamakee   | Crawford | Jasper     |
| Benton      | Dallas   | Kossuth    |
| Buchanan    | Delaware | Palo Alto  |
| Buena Vista | Guthrie  | Pocahontas |
| Carroll     | Howard   | Polk       |
| Cherokee    | Ida      | Poweshiek  |
| Clayton     | Iowa     | Winnebago  |

Minnesota: Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston and Mower

**More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-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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