

## USDA Designates Seven Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | September 09, 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.

**Impacted Area:** Minnesota

**Triggering Disaster Event:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** April 27, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Big Stone, Brown, Carlton, Murray, Nicollet, Sibley and Swift

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Minnesota:

Aitkin	Lac Qui Parle	Pipestone	St. Louis
Blue Earth	Le Sueur	Pope	Scott
Carver	Lyon	Redwood	Stevens
Chippewa	McLeod	Renville	Traverse
Cottonwood	Nobles	Rock	Watonwan

Kandiyohi	Pine		
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South Dakota: Grant and Roberts

Wisconsin: Douglas

**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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