

## USDA Designates 64 Colorado Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | April 26, 2022

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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:** Colorado

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 8, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Adams	Crowley	Gunnison	Mesa	Rio Blanco
Alamosa	Custer	Hinsdale	Mineral	Rio Grande
Arapahoe	Delta	Huerfano	Moffat	Routt
Archuleta	Denver	Jackson	Montezuma	Saguache
Baca	Dolores	Jefferson	Montrose	San Juan

Bent	Douglas	Kiowa	Morgan	San Miguel
Boulder	Eagle	Kit Carson	Otero	Sedgwick
Broomfield	Elbert	Lake	Ouray	Summit
Chaffee	El Paso	La Plata	Park	Teller
Cheyenne	Fremont	Larimer	Phillips	Washington
Clear Creek	Garfield	Las Animas	Pitkin	Weld
Conejos	Gilpin	Lincoln	Prowers	Yuma
Costilla	Grand	Logan	Pueblo	

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Arizona:** Apache

**Kansas:** Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sherman, Stanton, Wallace

**Nebraska:** Chase, Cheyenne, Deuel, Dundy, Kimball, Perkins

**New Mexico:** Colfax, San Juan, Union, Rio Arriba, Taos

**Oklahoma:** Cimarron

**Utah:** Daggett, Grand, San Juan, Uintah

**Wyoming:** Albany, Carbon, Laramie, Sweetwater

**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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