

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 33 New Mexico Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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>U.S. Drought Monitor</u>, 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: New Mexico

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Dec. 8, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible:

Bernalillo	Harding	Roosevelt
Catron	Hidalgo	Sandoval
Chaves	Lea	San Juan

Cibola	Lincoln	San Miguel
Colfax	Los Alamos	Santa Fe
Curry	Luna	Sierra
De Baca	McKinley	Socorro
Dona Ana	Mora	Taos
Eddy	Otero	Torrance
Grant	Quay	Union
Guadalupe	Rio Arriba	Valencia

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Arizona: Apache, Cochise, Greenlee

Colorado: Archuleta, Baca, Conejos, Costilla, La Plata, Las Animas, Montezuma

Oklahoma: Cimarron

Texas: Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, El Paso, Gaines, Hartley,

Hudspeth, Loving, Oldham, Parmer, Reeves, Winkler, Yoakum

Utah: San Juan

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> 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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