



USDA Designates 29 Montana 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 [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: Montana

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Jan. 3, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible:

Montana:

Beaverhead	Golden Valley	Powder River
Big Horn	Jefferson	Richland
Blaine	Lewis and Clark	Roosevelt
Broadwater	Liberty	Rosebud
Carbon	McCone	Sheridan

Cascade	Madison	Stillwater
Chouteau	Musselshell	Teton
Daniels	Petroleum	Toole
Fergus	Phillips	Valley
Garfield	Pondera	

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Montana:

Carter	Gallatin	Park	Sweet Grass
Custer	Glacier	Powell	Treasure
Dawson	Hill	Prairie	Wheatland
Deer Lodge	Judith Basin	Ravalli	Wibaux
Flathead	Meagher	Silver Bow	Yellowstone

Idaho: Clark, Fremont and Lemhi

North Dakota: Divide, McKenzie and Williams

Wyoming: Big Horn, Campbell, Crook, Park and Sheridan

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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