

USDA Designates Twenty Arkansas 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: Arkansas

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: April 3, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible:

Benton	Conway	Lawrence	Pope
Boone	Faulkner	Madison	Searcy
Carroll	Independence	Marion	Stone
Clay	Izard	Newton	Van Buren
Cleburne	Johnson	Polk	Washington

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Arkansas:

Baxter	Greene	Montgomery	Scott
Craighead	Howard	Perry	Sevier
Crawford	Jackson	Pike	Sharp
Franklin	Logan	Pulaski	White
Fulton	Lonoke	Randolph	Yell

Missouri: Barry, Butler, Dunklin, McDonald, Ozark, Ripley, Stone and Taney

Oklahoma: Adair, Delaware, Le Flore and McCurtain

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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