

USDA Designates 22 Missouri 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: Missouri

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: April 3, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible:

Barry	Dallas	Lawrence	Stone
Barton	Douglas	McDonald	Taney
Butler	Greene	Newton	Vernon
Cedar	Hickory	Polk	Webster
Christian	Jasper	St. Clair	Wright
Dade	Laclede		

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Missouri:

Bates	Carter	Howell	Ripley	Texas
Benton	Dunklin	Ozark	Stoddard	Wayne
Camden	Henry	Pulaski		

Arkansas: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay and Marion

Kansas: Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford and Linn

Oklahoma: Delaware and Ottawa

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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