

USDA Designates 6 Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | February 09, 2023

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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: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Aug. 2, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Blue Earth, Chisago, Goodhue, Meeker, Sherburne and Watonwan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota:

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| Anoka | Faribault | Le Sueur | Pine | Wabasha |
| Benton | Hennepin | McLeod | Renville | Waseca |
| Brown | Isanti | Martin | Rice | Washington |

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| Cottonwood | Jackson | Mille Lacs | Stearns | Wright |
| Dakota | Kanabec | Nicollet | | |
| Dodge | Kandiyohi | Olmsted | | |

Wisconsin: Burnett, Pepin, Pierce and Polk

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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