



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 11 South Dakota Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas

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Primary Disaster Areas Located in Nebraska

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 to refinance 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: Nebraska

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Dec. 1, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Burt, Butler, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Lincoln, Loup, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Perkins, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Rock, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Stanton, Thomas, Thurston, Washington, Wayne, and Wheeler

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Nebraska: Adams, Box Butte, Buffalo, Cass, Clay, Custer, Dawson, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Harlan, Knox, Lancaster, Logan, McPherson, Phelps, Sarpy, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Valley, and York

Colorado: Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Weld, and Yuma

Iowa: Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury

Kansas: Cheyenne, Decatur, Norton, Rawlins

South Dakota: Bennett, Charles Mix, Clay, Gregory, Oglala Lakota, Todd, Tripp, Union, and Yankton

Wyoming: Goshen and Laramie

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Application Deadline: Dec. 28, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Custer, Dawson, Gage, Garfield, Knox, Lancaster, Logan, McPherson, Saline, Seward, Sherman, Valley, and York

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Nebraska: Antelope, Arthur, Blaine, Boyd, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Clay, Fillmore, Frontier, Gosper, Greeley, Hamilton, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Keith, Lincoln, Loup, Otoe, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Polk, Saunders, Thayer, Thomas, and Wheeler

Kansas: Marshall and Washington

South Dakota: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, and Yankton

Triggering Disaster 3: Drought

Application Deadline: Jan. 30, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Box Butte, Buffalo, Gosper, Harlan, Phelps, and Sioux

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Nebraska: Adams, Custer, Dawes, Dawson, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Hall, Howard, Kearney, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sherman

Kansas: Norton and Phillips

South Dakota: Fall River

Wyoming: Goshen and Niobrara

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance 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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