

## USDA Designates 10 South Dakota 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 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:** South Dakota

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Feb. 26, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Aurora, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Douglas, Jerauld, Brule, Gregory and Yankton

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**South Dakota:** Beadle, Davison, Lyman, Tripp, Buffalo, Hand, McCook, Turner, Clay, Hanson and Sanborn

**Nebraska:** Boyd, Cedar, Keya Paha and Knox

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 14, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Union

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**South Dakota:** Clay and Lincoln

**Iowa:** Plymouth, Sioux and Woodbury

**Nebraska:** Dakota and Dixon

### **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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