



Farm Service Agency
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USDA Designates Nine Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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Numerous Contiguous Counties Eligible Due to Drought in Minnesota and Wisconsin

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: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought- (Fast Track) S5464

Application Deadline: March 25, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Anoka, Benton, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Olmsted, Ramsey, Sherburne, Stearns

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Chisago, Dakota, Douglas, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pope, Rice, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Washington, Winona, Wright

Iowa: Howard, Mitchell, Winneshiek, Worth

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought- (Fast Track) S5467

Application Deadline: March 25, 2024

Primary Wisconsin Counties Eligible: Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Wisconsin: Burnett, Iron, Price, Sawyer, Washburn

Minnesota: Carlton, Pine, St. Louis

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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