



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Five 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: April 1, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Dakota: Clay, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, Miner, Moody, Union, and Yankton

Iowa: Lyon and Sioux

Minnesota: Pipestone and Rock

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Application Deadline: April 8, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Lake

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Dakota: Brookings, Kingsbury, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, and Moody

Impacted Area: Iowa

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Cass, Lee, Lyon, and Montgomery

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Iowa: Adair, Adams, Audubon, Des Moines, Fremont, Guthrie, Henry, Mills, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, and Van Buren

Illinois: Hancock and Henderson

Minnesota: Nobles and Rock

Missouri: Clark

South Dakota: Lincoln and Minnehaha

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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