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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>U.S. Drought Monitor</u>, 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: Wisconsin

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 4/29/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Barron, Polk, Walworth

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock,

Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Washburn, Waukesha

Contiguous Counties in Illinois: Boone, McHenry

<u>Contiguous Counties in Minnesota:</u> Chisago, Washington

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought (Fast Track)

Impacted Area: Minnesota

Application Deadline: 4/29/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha

<u>Contiguous Counties Also Eligible</u>: Dodge, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ramsay, Rice, Scott, Washington, Winona

Contiguous Counties in Wisconsin: Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce

Triggering Disaster 3: Drought (Fast Track)

Impacted Area: Illinois

Application Deadline: 4/29/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Boone, Winnebago

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson

Contiguous Counties in Wisconsin: Green, Rock, Walworth

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> 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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