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## USDA Designates Five New Mexico County as Primary Natural Disaster Area

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### *One Contiguous Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance*

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.

**Impacted Area:** New Mexico

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** May 13, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Luna, and Sierra

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Cibola, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Otero, and Socorro

**Arizona:** Apache and Greenlee

**Texas:** El Paso

### **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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