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## USDA Designates Three 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:** May 20, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Brookings, Grant, and Roberts

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Minnesota:** Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Pipestone, and Traverse

**North Dakota:** Richland and Sargent

**South Dakota:** Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, Marshall, and Moody

**Impacted Area:** Minnesota

## **Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** May 28, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Carver, Hennepin, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Pipestone, Rock, Sibley, and Wright

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Lyon

**Minnesota:** Anoka, Blue Earth, Brown, Dakota, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Ramsey, Renville, Scott, Sherburne, and Stearns

**South Dakota:** Brookings, Minnehaha, and Moody

### **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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