

USDA Designates 23 Colorado 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: Colorado

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Adams, Arapahoe, Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Otero, Phillips, Prowers, Pueblo, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Colorado: Boulder, Broomfield, Chaffee, Costilla, Custer, Denver, Douglas, Huerfano, Jefferson, Larimer, Park, Saguache, and Teller

Kansas: Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sherman, Stanton, and Wallace

Nebraska: Chase, Cheyenne, Deuel, Dundy, Kimball, and Perkins

New Mexico: Colfax and Union

Oklahoma: Cimarron

Wyoming: Laramie

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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