

## USDA Designates 16 New Mexico 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:** New Mexico

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** November 17, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bernalillo, Chaves, Cibola, Colfax, Curry, Eddy, Harding, Lea, McKinley, Mora, Quay, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, San Juan, and Union

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Mexico:** Catron, De Baca, Guadalupe, Lincoln, Los Alamos, Otero, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia

**Arizona:** Apache

**Colorado:** Archuleta, Baca, Conejos, Costilla, La Plata, Las Animas, and Montezuma

**Oklahoma:** Cimarron

**Texas:** Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gaines, Hartley, Loving, Oldham, Parmer, Reeves, Winkler, and Yoakum

**Utah:** San Juan

### **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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