

USDA Designates 71 Oklahoma Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas News Release | Colorado | April 11, 2023

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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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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: Oklahoma

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Alfalfa, Atoka, Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Carter, Cherokee, Cimarron, Cleveland, Coal, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Custer, Delaware, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Greer, Harmon, Harper, Haskell, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnston, Kay, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, McIntosh, Major, Marshall, Mayes, Murray, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Pushmataha, Roger Mills, Rogers, Seminole, Stephens, Texas, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, Washita, Woods, and Woodward

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Oklahoma: Adair, Bryan, Choctaw, Le Flore, McCurtain, and Sequoyah
Arkansas: Benton
Colorado: Baca
Kansas: Barber, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Clark, Comanche, Cowley, Harper, Labette, Meade,

Montgomery, Morton, Seward, Stevens, and Summer **Missouri:** McDonald and Newton **New Mexico:** Union **Texas:** Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cooke, Dallam, Grayson, Hansford, Hardeman, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Montague, Ochiltree, Sherman, Wheeler, Wichita, and Wilbarger

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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