

# Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## **USDA Designates 22 Missouri Counties 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 <a href="mailto:emergency loans">emergency loans</a>. 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: Missouri

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

**Application Deadline**: November 25, 2024

<u>Primary Counties Eligible:</u> Adair, Audrain, Bates, Cole, Cooper, Franklin, Henry, Hickory, Knox, Lewis, Maries, Marion, Moniteau, Monroe, Morgan, Pettis, Polk, Ralls, St. Clair, Saline, Schuyler, and Shelby

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

**Missouri-** Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Gasconade, Greene, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Macon, Miller, Montgomery, Osage, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, St. Charles, St. Louis, Scotland, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, and Washington

#### 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 <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

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