



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Nebraska Counties as Natural Disasters Due to Drought

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This stakeholder notification represents eight separate Secretarial natural disaster designations. Such designations allow 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 the refinance of 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](#), counties listed in the eight Secretarial disaster designations suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5256: Primary counties eligible in Nebraska: Arthur, Banner, McPherson, Scotts Bluff, Sioux; Contiguous counties also eligible in Nebraska: Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, Morrill, Thomas; Emergency Loan application deadline is April 17, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5275: Primary county eligible in Nebraska: Dodge; Contiguous counties also eligible in Nebraska: Burt, Butler, Colfax, Cuming, Douglas, Saunders, Washington; Emergency Loan application deadline is April 26, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5293: Primary counties eligible in Iowa; Contiguous counties eligible in Nebraska: Burt, Washington; Emergency Loan application deadline is May 26, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5297: Primary county eligible in Nebraska: Washington; Contiguous counties also eligible in Nebraska: Burt, Dodge, Douglas; Emergency Loan application deadline is May 26, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5304: Primary counties eligible in Nebraska: Butler, Dawes, Douglas, Saunders; Contiguous counties also eligible in Nebraska: Box Butte, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Lancaster, Platte, Polk, Sarpy, Seward, Sheridan, Sioux, Washington, York; Emergency Loan application deadline is June 5, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5307: Primary counties eligible in South Dakota; Contiguous counties eligible in Nebraska: Cherry, Dawes, Sheridan, Sioux; Emergency Loan application deadline is June 5, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5319: Primary county eligible in Nebraska: Polk; Contiguous counties also eligible in Nebraska: Butler, Hamilton, Merrick, Platte, Seward, York; Emergency Loan application deadline is June 15, 2023.

Secretarial Disaster Designation No. 5320: Primary counties eligible in South Dakota; Contiguous counties eligible in Nebraska: Cherry, Sheridan; Emergency Loan application deadline is June 15, 2023.

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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