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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 16 South Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Presidential disaster declaration 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.

Impacted Area: South Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorms that occurred from Dec. 12 to Dec. 25, 2022

Application Deadline: Oct. 27, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Bennett, Brookings, Clark, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Jackson, Jones, Kingsbury, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Potter, Roberts, Stanley, Todd, and Tripp

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Dakota: Beadle, Brown, Codington, Custer, Dewey, Edmunds, Fall River, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Lake, Lyman, Marshall, Miner, Moody, Pennington, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Walworth, and Ziebach

Minnesota: Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Pipestone, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine

Nebraska: Cherry, Dawes, Keya Paha, and Sheridan

North Dakota: Richland and Sargent

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](#).

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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