



Farm Service Agency
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USDA Designates Three Southwest Minnesota Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought in Iowa and South Dakota

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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 1: Iowa

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought- (Fast Track) S5471

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

Primary Iowa Counties Eligible: Cass, Lee, Lyon, Montgomery

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Nobles, Rock

Illinois: Hancock, Henderson

Iowa: Adair, Adams, Audubon, Des Moines, Fremont, Guthrie, Henry, Mills, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, Van Buren

Missouri: Clark

South Dakota: Lincoln, Minnehaha

Impacted Area 2: South Dakota

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought- (Fast Track) S5474

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

Primary South Dakota Counties Eligible: Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Pipestone, Rock

Iowa: Lyon, Sioux

South Dakota: Clay, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, Miner, Moody, Union, Yankton

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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