



Farm Service Agency
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USDA Designates Three Counties in Washington and 10 Counties in Oregon as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Qualifying Drought

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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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought

Impacted Area: Oregon

Application Deadline: 5/28/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Clatsop, Lincoln, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Washington, and Yamhill

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Gilliam, Grant, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, and Wheeler

Idaho: Adams, Idaho, and Nez Perce

Washington: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Garfield, Klickitat, Pacific, Wahkiakum, and Walla Walla

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Impacted Area: Washington

Application Deadline: 5/28/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Benton, Franklin, and Pierce

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Adams, Columbia, Grant, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Thurston, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima

Oregon: Morrow and Umatilla

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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