

USDA Designates Two Counties in Washington as Contiguous 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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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.

Triggering Disaster #1: Excessive Rain

Impacted Area: Oregon and Washington

Application Deadline: 10/23/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Hood River

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Oregon: Clackamas, Multnomah, Wasco

Washington: Klickitat, Skamania

Triggering Disaster #2: Drought, Excessive Heat, and High Winds

Impacted Area: Oregon and Washington

Application Deadline: 10/23/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Wasco

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Oregon: Clackamas, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Marion, Sherman, Wheeler

Washington: Klickitat

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 USDA Service Center.

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