

# USDA Designates 33 New Mexico Counties as a Primary Natural Disaster Area

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### ***16 Texas Counties Also Eligible for Assistance***

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:** New Mexico

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Bernalillo	Catron	Chaves	Cibola
Colfax	Curry	De Baca	Dona Ana
Eddy	Grant	Guadalupe	Harding

Hidalgo	Lea	Lincoln	Los Alamos
Luna	McKinley	Mora	Otero
Quay	Rio Arriba	Roosevelt	Sandoval
San Juan	San Miguel	Santa Fe	Sierra
Socorro	Taos	Torrence	Union
Valencia			

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Arizona:** Apache, Cochise, and Greenlee

**Colorado:** Archuleta, Baca, Conejos, Costilla, and La Plata

**Oklahoma:** Cimarron

**Texas:** Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Culberson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, El Paso, Gaines, Hartley, Hudspeth, Loving, Oldham, Parmer, Reeves, Winkler, and Yoakum

**Utah:** San Juan

**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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