



USDA Designates 43 Iowa Counties as 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 [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.

Secretarial Declaration Number: S5684

Emergency Loan Application Deadline: December 2, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Howard, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Mitchell, Poweshiek, Tama, Washington, Winneshiek, Worth

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Allamakee, Clinton, Dubuque, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Keokuk, Louisa, Mahaska, Marshall, Muscatine, Scott, Winnebago, Wright

Disaster Description: Drought

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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