



USDA Designates Kansas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought; Contiguous Nebraska Counties Included in Designation

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(LINCOLN, Nebraska, 3/27/2024) 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.

Impacted Area: Kansas

Triggering Disaster: Drought beginning 11/15/2023

Application Deadline: 11/25/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: In Kansas the counties of Barton, Chautauqua, Clay, Cloud, Decatur, Dickinson, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Gove, Graham, Harvey, Jewell, Lincoln, McPherson, Marshall, Mitchell, Montgomery, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sheridan, Smith, Stafford, Trego, Washington and Wilson

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: In Kansas the counties of Allen, Barber, Butler, Cowley, Edwards, Finney, Greenwood, Hodgeman, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, Logan, Marion, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Pawnee, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Scott, Sedgwick, Thomas, Wabaunsee, and Woodson; **In Nebraska, counties include Franklin, Furnas, Gage, Harlan, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Red Willow, Thayer and Webster;** In Oklahoma, the counties of Nowata, Osage and Washington

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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