



USDA Designates Multiple Counties in Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming as Primary 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.

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: Wyoming

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 5/30/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sublette and Teton

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Idaho: Bonneville, Fremont and Teton

Montana: Carbon, Gallatin and Park

Wyoming: Big Horn, Carbon, Lincoln, Natrona, Sweetwater and Washakie

Impacted Area 2: North Dakota

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Application Deadline: 6/9/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Adams, Divide, Slope and Williams

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Montana: Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt and Sheridan

North Dakota: Billings, Bowman, Burke, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, McKenzie, Mountrail, Sioux and Stark

South Dakota: Corson, Harding and Perkins

Impacted Area 3: Montana

Triggering Disaster 3: Drought

Application Deadline: 6/16/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Big Horn, Fallon, Richland and Wibaux

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Montana: Carbon, Carter, Custer, Dawson, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone

North Dakota: Bowman, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Slope and Williams

South Dakota: Harding

Wyoming: Big Horn and Sheridan

Impacted Area 4: North Dakota

Triggering Disaster 4: Drought

Application Deadline: 6/16/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Billings, Golden Valley and McKenzie

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Montana: Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt and Wibaux

North Dakota: Dunn, Mountrail, Slope, Stark and Williams

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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