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## USDA Designates California as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought Emergency Designation | Arizona | March 28, 2025

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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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** California

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought that occurred during/on 10/01/2025.

**Application Deadline:** 11/25/2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Alpine, Fresno, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, Tuolumne

**Additional State:** Arizona

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** La Paz, Mohave, Yuma

**Additional State:** Nevada

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lyon, Mineral, Nye

**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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