



## USDA Designates New Mexico as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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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:** New Mexico

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought that occurred during/on 11/01/2024

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

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Catron, Chaves, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Sierra

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Cibola, De Baca, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, Socorro, Torrance

**Additional State:** Arizona

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Apache, Cochise, Greenlee

**Additional State:** Texas

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Andrews, Cochran, Culbertson, El Paso, Gaines, Hudspeth, Loving, Reeves, Winkler, Yoakum

## 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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