



USDA Designates Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico Counties (S5957, S5958, S5960) as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought (Fast-Track)

Emergency Designation | New Mexico | April 08, 2025

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.

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 12/01/2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Utah:** Beave and San Juan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Arizona:** Apache, Coconino, and Navajo
- **Colorado:** Dolores, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, and San Miguel
- **Nevada:** Lincoln

- **New Mexico:** San Juan
- **Utah:** Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sevier, and Wayne

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 12/01/2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New Mexico:** Rio Arriba, San Juan, and Socorro

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Arizona:** Apache
- **Colorado:** Archuleta, Conejos, La Plata, and Montezuma
- **New Mexico:** Catron, Cibola, Lincoln, Los Alamos, McKinley, Mora, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Sierra, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia
- **Utah:** San Juan

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Colorado and New Mexico

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 12/01/2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Colorado:** La Plata and Mineral

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Colorado:** Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Rio Grande, Saguache, and San Juan
- **New Mexico:** San Juan

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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