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USDA Designates Two Utah Counties 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>U.S. Drought Monitor</u>, 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: Utah

Triggering Disaster: Drought that Started January 28, 2025

Application Deadline: December 1, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Beaver and San Juan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Utah: Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sevier, and Wayne

Arizona: Apache, Coconino, and Navajo

Colorado: Dolores, Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose, and San Miguel

Neveda: Lincoln

New Mexico: San Juan

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact</u> 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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