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## USDA Designates Seven Nebraska Counties Primary Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | South Dakota | April 16, 2025

### **Five South Dakota Counties Designated as Contiguous**

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:** Nebraska

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast-Track)

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 9, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Banner, Box Butte, Cherry, Dawes, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Nebraska:** Blaine, Brown, Cheyenne, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keya Paha, Kimball, Morrill, and Thomas

**South Dakota:** Bennett, Fall River, Oglala Lakota, Todd, and Tripp

**Wyoming:** Goshen, Laramie, and Niobrara

### **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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