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USDA Designates Arizona as Primary and California Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

Emergency Designation | California | April 24, 2025

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California Has Several Contiguous Counties

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: Arizona

Triggering Disaster: Drought that occurred during/on 01/01/2025

Application Deadline: 11/25/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma

Additional State: California

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Imperial, Riverside, San Bernadino

Additional State: Colorado

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Montezuma

Additional State: Nevada

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Clark, Lincoln

Additional State: New Mexico

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Catron, Cibola, Grant, Hidalgo, McKinley, San Juan

Additional State: Utah

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Kane, San Juan, Washington

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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