



USDA Designates Six North Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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Montana

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: North Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 12/22/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail and Williams

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Montana: Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Wibaux

North Dakota: Burke, Burleigh, Divide, Golden Valley, McHenry, Mercer, Oliver, Sheridan, Slope, Stark and Ward

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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