

USDA Designates New Mexico Counties (S5979 & S5985) as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought (Fast-Track)

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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.

Triggering Disaster #1 (S5979)

Impacted Area: New Mexico and Arizona

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 01/06/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New Mexico:** Bernalillo, Cibola, McKinley, Torrance, and Valencia.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Arizona:** Apache
- **New Mexico:** Catron, Guadalupe, Lincoln, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, and Socorro.

Triggering Disaster #2 (S5985)

Impacted Area: New Mexico and Colorado

Triggering Disaster:Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 01/05/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New Mexico:** Colfax and Harding.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Colorado:** Costilla and Las Animas
- **New Mexico:** Mora, Quay, San Miguel, Taos, and Union.

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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