



USDA Designates Several Nebraska Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought

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Three South Dakota Counties also Eligible for Assistance

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.

TRIGGERING DISASTER DESIGNATION NO. 1

Impacted Area: Nebraska

Triggering Disaster:Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 01/27/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Antelope, Boone, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce and Wheeler

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Boyd, Cedar, Garfield, Greeley, Keya Paha, Loup, Nance, Platte, Rock, Stanton, Valley and Wayne

- **State:** South Dakota: Counties include Bon Homme, Charles Mix and Yankton

TRIGGERING DISASTER DESIGNATION NO. 2

Impacted Area: Nebraska

Triggering Disaster:Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 02/02/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Cheyenne, Custer, Garden, Garfield, Greeley, Loup, Morrill, Sherman, and Valley

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Brown, Buffalo, Dawson, Deuel, Grant, Holt, Howard, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, Nance, Rock, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Wheeler
- **State:** Colorado: Counties include Logan and Sedgwick

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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