



USDA Designates Three South Dakota Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | South Dakota | June 30, 2025

South Dakota

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: South Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: Feb. 9, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible: Bennett, Jackson, and Pennington

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Nebraska: Cherry

South Dakota: Custer, Haakon, Jones, Lawrence, Meade, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, and Todd

Wyoming: Weston

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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