



USDA Designates Three South Dakota Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | Nebraska | July 02, 2025

Cherry County, Nebraska, Impacted as Contiguous County

Nebraska

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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