



USDA Designates Eight Washington Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | Washington | August 07, 2025

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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.

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 #1

Impacted Area: Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 03/16/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Benewah, Latah, Nez Perce

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Lewis, Shoshone
- **Oregon:** Wallowa
- **Washington:** Asotin, Spokane, Whitman

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 03/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Cassia, Kootenai, Owyhee, Twin Falls

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Ada, Benewah, Blaine, Bonner, Canyon, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka, Oneida, Power, Shoshone
- **Nevada:** Elko, Humboldt
- **Oregon:** Malheur
- **Utah:** Box Elder
- **Washington:** Spokane

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Oregon, Idaho, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 03/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Wallowa

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Adams, Idaho, Nez Perce
- **Oregon:** Baker, Umatilla, Union
- **Washington:** Asotin, Columbia, Garfield

Triggering Disaster #4

Impacted Area: Washington, Idaho

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 03/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Washington:** Spokane

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Benewah, Bonner, Kootenai
- **Washington:** Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman

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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