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## USDA Designates Twelve Idaho Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

### Emergency Designation | Idaho | August 07, 2025

#### Contiguous counties 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 #1

**Impacted Area:** Idaho, Montana, and Oregon

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** March 16, 2026

#### Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Clearwater, Idaho, Lemhi, Lewis, and Shoshone

#### Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Adams, Benewah, Bonner, Butte, Clark, Custer, Kootenai, Latah, Nez Perce, and Valley
- **Montana:** Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders
- **Oregon:** Wallowa

#### Triggering Disaster #2

**Impacted Area:** Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** March 16, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

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

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

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

### **Triggering Disaster #3**

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

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** March 24, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

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

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

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

### **More Resources**

On [farmers.gov](https://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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