



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

Emergency Designation | Kansas | July 24, 2025

Other Nebraska Counties Impacted by Kansas Disaster Designations

Kansas

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 No. 1:

Impacted Area: Nebraska

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 03/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Franklin, Harlan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Furnas, Kearney, Phelps, Webster

- **State:** Kansas: Counties include Norton, Phillips, Smith

Triggering Disaster No. 2:

Impacted Area: Kansas

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 03/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **State:** Kansas: Counties include Phillips, Rawlins

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **State:** Nebraska: Counties include Dundy, Franklin, Harlan, Hitchcock, Red Willow
- **State:** Kansas: Counties include Cheyenne, Decatur, Graham, Norton, Rooks, Sherman, Smith, Thomas_

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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