



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

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### Other Nebraska Counties Impacted by Kansas Disaster Designations

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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