



USDA Designates Two Idaho Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Idaho | August 29, 2025

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 - S6034

Impacted Area: Idaho, Montana, and Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 6, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Bonner

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone
- **Montana:** Lincoln and Sanders
- **Washington:** Pend Oreille and Spokane

Triggering Disaster #2 - S6039

Impacted Area: Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 13, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Bear Lake

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Caribou, and Franklin
- **Utah:** Cache and Rich
- **Wyoming:** Lincoln

Triggering Disaster #3 - S6040

Impacted Area: Montana and Idaho

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 13, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Montana:** Lincoln

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Bonner and Boundary

- **Montana:** Flathead and Sanders

Triggering Disaster #4 - S6042

Impacted Area: Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: April 13, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Utah:** Daggett, Rich and Summit

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Bear Lake and Franklin
- **Colorado:** Moffat
- **Utah:** Cache, Duchesne, Morgan, Salt Lake, Uintah, Wasatch and Weber
- **Wyoming:** Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Uinta

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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