



USDA Designates 28 Washington Counties as Natural Disaster Areas **Emergency Designation | Washington | September 02, 2025**

Washington

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, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 04/06/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Bonner

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

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

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 04/06/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Washington:** Chelan, Douglas, King, Kittitas, Okanogan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Washington:** Ferry, Grant, Island, Kitsap, Lincoln, Pierce, San Juan, Yakima

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Oregon, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 04/13/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Clackamas, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah

- **Washington:** Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Wahkiakum

Triggering Disaster #4

Impacted Area: Oregon, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 04/20/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Umatilla, Union

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Baker, Grant, Morrow, Wallowa
- **Washington:** Benton, Columbia, Walla Walla

Triggering Disaster #5

Impacted Area: Oregon, Washington

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 04/20/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Washington:** Columbia

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Oregon:** Umatilla, Wallowa

- **Washington:** Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, 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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