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## **USDA Designates Five Idaho Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

### **Emergency Designation | Idaho | September 18, 2025**

### **Fourteen contiguous counties in Idaho are 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 - S6060**

**Impacted Area:** Idaho, Montana, Washington

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

**Application Deadline:** May 8, 2026

#### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Idaho:** Boundary, Butte, Custer, Jefferson, and Valley

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

- **Idaho:** Adams, Bingham, Blaine, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Idaho, Lemhi and Madison
- **Montana:** Lincoln
- **Washington:** Pend Oreille

#### **Triggering Disaster #2 - S6063**

**Impacted Area:** Washington and Idaho

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

**Application Deadline:** May 8, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Washington:** Adams, Ferry, Grant, Island, Lincoln, Pend Oreille and Stevens

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

- **Idaho:** Bonner and Boundary
- **Washington:** Benton, Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Okanogan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Whitman, and Yakima

### **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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