



USDA Designates 28 Indiana Counties as Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought

Emergency Designation | Indiana | February 05, 2026

Indianapolis, Indiana, February 5, 2026 - 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. The FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Triggering Secretarial Designation S6098

Impacted Area: Indiana, and Ohio

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 08/31/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Indiana:** Adams, Allen, Blackford, Carroll, Cass, Delaware, Howard, Jay, Miami, Randolph, Tipton, Wabash, and Wells Counties.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Indiana:** Clinton, Dekalb, Fulton, Grant, Hamilton, Henry, Huntington, Kosciusko, Madison, Noble, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Wayne, White, and Whitley Counties.
- **Ohio:** Darke, Defiance, Mercer, Paulding and Van Wert Counties.

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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