



## USDA Designates 28 Missouri Counties as Natural Disaster Areas, Two Counties in Oklahoma Also Eligible for Assistance

**Emergency Designation | Oklahoma | May 05, 2026**

Oklahoma

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.

**Impacted Area:** Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Tennessee

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

**Application Deadline:** December 24, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

Missouri- Barry, Bollinger, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Greene, Howell, Iron, McDonald, Madison, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Francois, Shannon, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, and Wayne.

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

Missouri- Barton, Butler, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Crawford, Dunklin, Hickory, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Mississippi, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, Scott, Vernon, Washington, Webster, and Wright.

Arkansas- Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Fulton, Marion, Mississippi, Randolph, and Sharp

Kansas- Cherokee

Kentucky- Fulton

Oklahoma- Delaware and Ottawa

Tennessee- Dyer and Lake

### **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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