USDA Designates Multiple Colorado Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | New Mexico | May 14, 2026

New Mexico Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

New Mexico

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: S6244

Impacted Area: Colorado

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 12/24/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Colorado:**

Archuleta	Conejos	Custer	Dolores	Hinsdale
La Plata	Mineral	Montezuma	Phillips	Pueblo
Rio Grande	Saguache	San Juan	San Miguel	Teller
Yuma				

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Colorado:**

Alamosa	Chaffee	Costilla	Crowley	Douglas
El Paso	Fremont	Gunnison	Huerfano	Jefferson
Kit Carson	Las Animas	Lincoln	Logan	Montrose
Otero	Ouray	Park	Sedwick	Washington

- **Arizona:** Apache
- **Kansas:** Cheyenne
- **Nebraska:** Chase, Dundy, Perkins
- **New Mexico:** Rio Arriba, San Juan, Taos
- **Utah:** San Juan

Triggering Disaster #2: S6163

Impacted Area: Colorado

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 12/07/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Colorado:**

Adams	Arapahoe	Boulder	Broomfield	Chaffee	Clear Creek
Costilla	Delta	Denver	Douglas	Eagle	Garfield
Gilpin	Grand	Gunnison	Huerfano	Jackson	Jefferson
Lake	Larimer	Las Animas	Logan	Mesa	Moffat
Montrose	Ouray	Park	Pitkin	Rio Blanco	Routt
Sedwick	Summit	Weld			

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Phillips	Pueblo	Saguache	San Juan	San Miguel	Teller
Washington	Yuma				

- **Nebraska:** Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball, Perkins
- **New Mexico:** Colfax, Taos, Union
- **Utah:** Daggett, Grand, San Juan, Uintah
- **Wyoming:** Albany, Carbon, Laramie, Sweetwater

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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