



USDA Designates Fourteen Idaho Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Idaho | August 05, 2026

Twenty-two contiguous Counties in Idaho are eligible for assistance

Idaho

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: Idaho

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: March 29, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Adams, Benewah, Clark, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Kootenai, Lemhi, Lewis, Lincoln, Nez Perce, Teton, and Washington

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Idaho:** Ada, Blaine, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Butte, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Clearwater, Custer, Fremont, Idaho, Jefferson, Latah, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Shoshone, Twin Falls, and Valley
- **Montana:** Beaverhead and Ravalli
- **Oregon:** Baker, Malheur, and Wallowa
- **Washington:** Asotin, Spokane, Whitman, and Teton

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

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