USDA Designates 9 Counties in Minnesota as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Minnesota | October 08, 2026

19 Contiguous Counties also Eligible

Minnesota

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

Impacted Area: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster: S6382 - Drought (Fast-Track) beginning on June 9, 2026

Application Deadline: May 31, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Minnesota:** Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Otter Tail, Wadena

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Minnesota:** Carlton, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Pennington, Pine, Roseau, St. Louis, Todd, Wilkin

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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