

USDA Designates 63 Colorado Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | May 10, 2021

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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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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 the refinance of 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 (see <u>http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/</u>), 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.

State: Colorado

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

Primary Counties Eligible:

Adams Alamosa Arapahoe Archuleta Baca Bent Boulder Broomfield Chaffee Cheyenne Clear Creek

Conejos

Costilla

Crowley Delta Denver Dolores Douglas Eagle Elbert El Paso Fremont Garfield Gilpin Grand Gunnison Hinsdale Huerfano Jackson Jefferson Kiowa Kit Carson Lake La Plata Larimer Las Animas Lincoln Logan Mesa Mineral Moffat Montezuma Montrose

- Morgan
- Otero
- Ouray
- Park
- Phillips
- Pitkin
- Prowers
- Pueblo
- Rio Blanco Rio Grande
- Routt
- Saguache
- San Juan
- San Miguel
- Sedwick
- Summit
- Teller
- Washington
- Weld
- Yuma

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Colorado: Custer

Arizona: Apache

Kansas: Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Morton, Sherman, Stanton and Wallace

Nebraska: Chase, Cheyenne, Deuel, Dundy, Kimball and Perkins

New Mexico: Colfax, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Taos and Union

Oklahoma: Cimarron

- Utah: Daggett, Grand, San Juan and Uintah
- Wyoming: Albany, Carbon, Laramie and Sweetwater

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs or to find your local USDA Service Center visit farmers.gov/recover.

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