

## USDA Designates 43 North Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | May 11, 2021

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 <a href="mailto:emergency loans">emergency loans</a>. 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 <a href="http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/">http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/</a>), 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: North Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Dec. 20, 2021

**Primary Counties Eligible:** 

Adams **Emmons** McLean Sheridan Benson Mercer Sioux Foster Billings Golden Valley Morton Slope Bottineau Grant Mountrail Stark Bowman Hettinger Nelson Stutsman Burke Kidder Oliver Towner Burleigh LaMoure Pembina Walsh Cavalier Ward Pierce Logan Divide Wells McHenry Ramsey Dunn McIntosh Renville Williams McKenzie Eddy Rolette

## **Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

• North Dakota:

Barnes Grand Forks Ransom Dickey Griggs Steele

- Minnesota: Kittson and Marshall
- Montana: Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Wibaux
- South Dakota: Campbell, Corson, Harding, McPherson and Perkins

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

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