

## USDA Designates Kansas Counties as Disaster Areas, Includes Contiguous Nebraska Counties

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(Lincoln, Nebraska - May 12, 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 <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 http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/), 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: Kansas

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: November 5, 2021

#### Primary Counties Eligible:

Cheyenne	Kearny	Republic
Clay	Lincoln	Scott
Cloud	Logan	Sheridan
Decatur	Marshall	Sherman
Gove	Mitchell	Smith

Graham	Morton	Stanton
Grant	Norton	Thomas
Greeley	Ottawa	Wallace
Hamilton	Phillips	Washington
Jewell	Rawlins	Wichita

#### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Kansas: Dickinson, Ellsworth, Finney, Geary, Haskell, Lane, Nemaha, Ness, Osborne, Pottawatomie, Riley, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Stevens and Trego

Colorado: Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Prowers and Yuma

# Nebraska: Dundy, Franklin, Furnas, Gage, Harlan, Hitchcock, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Pawnee, Red Willow, Thayer and Webster

Oklahoma: Cimarron and Texas

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

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