



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 11 Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

News Release | Minnesota | August 02, 2021

[View PDF](#)

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 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](#), 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: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible:

Becker	Clearwater	Pennington
Beltrami	Hubbard	Red Lake
Cass	Kittson	Stearns

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota:

Aitkin	Itasca	Marshall	Polk
Benton	Kandiyohi	Meeker	Pope
Clay	Koochiching	Morrison	Roseau
Crow Wing	Lake of the Woods	Norman	Sherburne
Douglas	Mahnomen	Otter Tail	Wright

North Dakota: Pembina

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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](#).

Farm Service Agency:

1400 Independence Ave.
SW Washington, DC 20250

Contact:

FPAC Press Desk

FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov