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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as a Primary Natural Disaster Area

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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 [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.

Impacted Area: South Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought that occurred on June 5, 2021 and continuing.

Application Deadline: June 6, 2022

Primary Area Eligible: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Dakota: Bennett, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Pennington and Todd

Nebraska: Cherry, Dawes and Sheridan

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-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](#).

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