



## [usda designates three counties in wisconsin as 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 to refinance 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:** Wisconsin

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** 4/29/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Barron, Polk, Walworth

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Washburn, Waukesha

**Contiguous Counties in Illinois:** Boone, McHenry

**Contiguous Counties in Minnesota:** Chisago, Washington

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Impacted Area:** Minnesota

**Application Deadline:** 4/29/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Dodge, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ramsay, Rice, Scott, Washington, Winona

**Contiguous Counties in Wisconsin:** Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce

**Triggering Disaster 3:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Impacted Area:** Illinois

**Application Deadline:** 4/29/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Boone, Winnebago

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson

**Contiguous Counties in Wisconsin:** Green, Rock, Walworth

### **More Resources**

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