



USDA Designates Six Counties in Idaho and Seven Counties in Oregon as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Qualifying Drought; Six Counties in Washington Also Eligible for Assistance

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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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought

Impacted Area: Oregon

Application Deadline: 4/29/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Clackamas, Douglas, Hood River, Lane, Linn, Marion, and Multnomah

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Oregon: Benton, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lincoln, Polk, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill

Washington: Clark, Klickitat, and Skamania

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Impacted Area: Idaho

Application Deadline: 5/20/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Benewah, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Idaho: Bonner, Idaho, and Shoshone

Washington: Asotin, Spokane, and Whitman

Oregon: Wallowa

Montana: Mineral and Missoula

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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