



USDA Designates Three South Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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: South Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: May 20, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Brookings, Grant, and Roberts

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Pipestone, and Traverse

North Dakota: Richland and Sargent

South Dakota: Codington, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, Marshall, and Moody

Impacted Area: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

Application Deadline: May 28, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Carver, Hennepin, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Pipestone, Rock, Sibley, and Wright

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Iowa: Lyon

Minnesota: Anoka, Blue Earth, Brown, Dakota, Kandiyohi, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Ramsey, Renville, Scott, Sherburne, and Stearns

South Dakota: Brookings, Minnehaha, and Moody

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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