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USDA Designates 42 Counties as Disaster Areas Due to Drought

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A Secretarial Disaster Designation has been issued for 16 counties in Iowa as primary disaster areas for drought. Additionally, 26 Iowa counties are contiguous to the disaster area. This determination will allow the Farm Service Agency's Emergency Loans to be made available to eligible family farmers with qualifying production and physical losses in the primary and the contiguous counties to the declared disaster area.

Secretarial Declaration Number: S5514

Emergency Loan Application Deadline: May 6, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Benton, Buchanan, Cerro Gordo, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Mitchell, Tama, Winneshiek, Worth, Wright (Iowa)

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer, Butler, Cedar, Chickasaw, Clayton, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Floyd, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Jackson, Jasper, Keokuk, Kossuth, Louisa, Marshall, Muscatine, Poweshiek, Washington, Webster, Winnebago (Iowa)

Disaster Description: Drought. August 29, 2023, beginning date of incident period.

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. Visit the [USDA Disaster Designation Information](#) site to view a full listing of disaster designations. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

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