



## USDA Designates Seven South Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | July 30, 2021

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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.

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:** March 16, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Haakon	Jackson	Lake	Moody
Hand	Jones	Mellette	

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

South Dakota:

Beadle	Jerauld	Oglala Lakota
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Bennett	Kingsbury	Pennington
Brookings	Lyman	Spink
Buffalo	McCook	Stanley
Dewey	Meade	Todd
Faulk	Miner	Tripp
Hyde	Minnehaha	Ziebach

Minnesota: Lincoln, Pipestone and Rock

### More Resources

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