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## USDA Designates Nine Counties in Wisconsin as Primary Natural Disaster Areas and 26 Contiguous Counties Due to Drought in Wisconsin and Minnesota

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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:** 5/6/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Chippewa, Dunn, Jackson, La Crosse, Outagamie, Price, Rusk, Taylor, Wood

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Adams, Ashland, Barron, Brown, Calumet, Clark, Eau Claire, Iron, Juneau, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Trempealeau, Vernon, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, Winnebago

**Contiguous Counties in Minnesota:** Houston, Winona

**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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