

## Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# USDA Designates 2 Montana Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas 6 Montana, 2 Idaho and 2 North Dakota Contiguous Counties Also Eligible

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**BOZEMAN, Montana-**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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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.

Impacted Area: Montana

**Triggering Disaster 1:** Drought, Excessive Heat and High Winds

**Application Deadline**: 8/21/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Ravalli

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** 

Montana: Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite and Missoula

Idaho: Idaho and Lemhi

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought

**Application Deadline**: 8/21/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Sheridan

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** 

Montana: Daniels and Roosevelt

North Dakota: Divide and Williams

#### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> 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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