

(Neb.)-Counties Designated as Secretarial Disaster Due to Drought Conditions

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(LINCOLN)-Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Dan Steinkruger announced 89 counties in Nebraska have been designated as primary natural disaster areas due to the ongoing drought. Those counties are:

Adams	Dawson	Howard	Red Willow
Antelope	Deuel	Jefferson	Rock
Arthur	Dixon	Johnson	Saline
Banner	Dodge	Kearney	Sarpy
Blaine	Douglas	Keith	Saunders
Boone	Dundy	Keya Paha	Scotts Bluff
Box Butte	Fillmore	Kimball	Seward
Boyd	Franklin	Knox	Sheridan
Brown	Frontier	Lancaster	Sherman
Buffalo	Furnas	Lincoln	Sioux
Burt	Gage	Logan	Stanton
Butler	Garden	Loup	Thayer
Cass	Garfield	McPherson	Thomas
Cedar	Gosper	Madison	Thurston
Chase	Grant	Merrick	Valley
Cherry	Greeley	Morrill	Washington
Cheyenne	Hall	Nance	Wayne
Clay	Hamilton	Otoe	Webster
Colfax	Harlan	Perkins	Wheeler
Cuming	Hayes	Phelps	York
Custer	Hitchcock	Pierce	
Dakota	Holt	Platte	
Dawes	Hooker	Polk	

These counties were declared a Secretarial Disaster on April 10th, 2013, based on the U. S. Drought Monitor drought intensity value. “The 89 counties that received the Primary Secretarial Disaster Designation have a drought intensity value of extreme (D3) or exceptional (D4),” said Steinkruger.

At this time, there are four counties in Nebraska that have not been declared a Secretarial Disaster. These counties are contiguous to counties that have received the declaration and are also eligible for certain disaster assistance due to drought. The four counties are:

Nuckolls Nemaha Pawnee Richardson

This designation authorizes Emergency (EM) Loans for eligible producers. Steinkruger stated, “Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSAServiceCenter for detailed information about available programs and updated Secretarial Disaster Designations.”

In addition to the Emergency (EM) Loan Program, the FSA has other loan programs and disaster assistance programs that may assist farmers in recovering from their losses.

For more information, contact your local FSAServiceCenter: the Dawes/North Sioux County office in Chadron (432-4616), the SheridanCounty in Rushville (327-2489), or the BoxButteCounty office in Alliance (762-4322). Additional information on FSA Disaster Assistance and Farm Loan programs can also be accessed at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Other federal agencies such as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and SBA (Small Business Administration) may also have available assistance for the public as well. For more information, visit www.fema.gov and www.sba.gov.

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