

USDA Designates Three Kansas Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

**Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue designated three Kansas counties as primary natural disaster areas. Producers in Anderson, Brown and Linn counties who suffered losses due to a recent drought may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) [emergency loans](#).**

**This designation by Secretary Perdue allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including replacing essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganizing a farming operation or refinance certain debts.**

**Producers in the contiguous counties of Allen, Atchison, Bourbon, Coffey, Doniphan, Franklin, Jackson, Miami, Nemaha and Woodson in Kansas, along with Bates and Vernon counties in Missouri; and Richardson County in Nebraska, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.**

**The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is May 13, 2019.**

**FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.**

**FSA has a variety of addition programs to help farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster.**

**FSA programs that do not require a disaster declaration include: [Operating and Farm Ownership Loans](#); the [Emergency Conservation Program](#); [Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#); [Livestock Indemnity Program](#); [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#); and the [Tree Assistance Program](#).**

**Farmers may contact their local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <https://www.farmers.gov/recover>.**