**On March 31, 2021 Jackson County declared an Emergency for**

**Drought conditions**

**How the Declaration process works:**

County Commissioners

declare a drought emergency

Declaration is sent to OEM

and State Drought Council

Drought Council makes

recommendation

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to Governor

State agencies can supply assistance in a drought through normal agency programs. If major state agency involvement is anticipated, or if federal assistance might be needed, the Governor will declare a state “Emergency”. This declaration provides state agencies with more emergency fiscal flexibility and sets the stage for various federal disaster declarations if needed. Requests for state assistance may be to the agency directly, or, in an “Emergency”, through Oregon Emergency Management.

ONCE A MAJOR DROUGHT RECOMMENDATION IS

RECEIVED FROM THE DROUGHT COUNSIL AND

REVIEWED BY THE GOVENOR, SHE MAY ISSUE A

DECLARTION OF SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

FOR THE REQUESTED AREA(S).

**INFORMATION:**

[**Oregon Drought Watch and Current Conditions**](https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Pages/default.aspx) (link)

[**Oregon Department of Agriculture**](https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/Pages/default.aspx) **/** [**Drought and Disaster Resources**](https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/agriculture/Pages/DroughtDisaster.aspx) (link)

[**Oregon Water Resources Department**](https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Documents/State_Drought_Process_and_Tools_Final.pdf) (link)

[**Quarterly Climate Impact and Outlook for the Western Region**](https://www.drought.gov/documents/quarterly-climate-impacts-and-outlook-western-region-march-2020) (link)[**National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center**](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/two_class.php) (link)

**PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE:**

[**USDA Drought Programs and Assistance:**](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index)

**Farm Service Resources:**

* Find your local Farm Service Agency: [Map of State FSA Offices](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/index)
* [FSA Emergency Disaster Designation and Declaration Process Overview](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/disaster-designation-information/index)
* [NASS Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Reports](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/National_Crop_Progress/)
* [Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch](https://drought.unl.edu/ranchplan/Overview.aspx)

**Conservation and Livestock Assistance:**

* [FSA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/emergency-conservation/index)
* [FSA Emergency Haying and Grazing](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/emergency-haying-and-grazing/index)
* [FSA Livestock Forage Disaster Program](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-forage/index)
* [FSA Livestock Indemnity Program](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-indemnity/index)
* [NRCS Drought Assistance](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/home/?cid=stelprdb1245689)
* [RD Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/rdECWAG_Feb2014.pdf)

**Crop Insurance Assistance:**

* [FSA Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index)
* [RMA Crop Insurance Basics](https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Frequently-Asked-Questions)
* [RMA Frequently Asked Questions](https://legacy.rma.usda.gov/help/faq/drought2012.html)

**Credit Assistance:**

[FSA Emergency Farm Loans](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/emergency-farm-loans/index)

USDA designated natural disaster areas qualify for low-interest emergency loans.

[FSA Guaranteed Farm Loan Program](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/guaranteed_farm_loans.pdf) (PDF, 100KB)

Guaranteed farm loans may be used to construct or repair buildings and fixtures, purchase farmland, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, fuel, insurance, and refinance debt.