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

U.S. Drought Monitor: NEBRASKA

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Drought Severity
D0 - Abnormally Dry
D1 Drought - Moderate
D2 Drought - Severe
D3 Drought - Extreme
D4 Drought - Exceptional

Table with 6 columns: Week, Nothing, D0-D4, D1-D4, D2-D4, D3-D4, D4. Rows for Nov 27, 2012 and Dec 4, 2012.

(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:

- List of 89 Nebraska counties: Adams, Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Otoe, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York.

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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