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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that seven southwest Kansas counties have qualified for a disaster declaration. This gives qualified producers in those counties access to low interest loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Months of intense summer heat and dry conditions have led to severe drought conditions for many Kansas counties," Moran said. "Dry conditions have forced farmers to use their feed supplies early, with a long winter still ahead."

So far, a total of seven Kansas counties have been approved for the disaster declaration: Barber, Clark, Comanche, Meade, Morton, Seward and Stevens.

Because of drought conditions, a number of Oklahoma counties have qualified as disasters areas due to crop production losses. The seven Kansas counties that border Oklahoma can take part in the same benefits.

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