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The money is part of more than \$300 million in assistance to 33 states and Puerto Rico that Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is expected to announce on Wednesday.

Vilsack says disaster funds will be used for financial and technical assistance to help rebuild and repair land damaged by flooding, drought, tornadoes and other natural disasters.

Last year, Oklahoma endured back-to-back blizzards during the first two weeks of February that each dropped more than a foot of snow in parts of the state.

In April, tornadoes swept across parts of southeastern and central Oklahoma. Then, a hot and dry summer exacerbated a statewide drought and sparked wildfires.



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