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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Rhode Island Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Presidential disaster declaration allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Rhode Island

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms and Flooding that occurred between January 9 and January 13, 2024

Application Deadline: January 9, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Newport

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Rhode Island: Bristol, Kent, Washington

Massachusetts: Bristol

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, please contact the Rhode Island FSA Farm Loan Team at (401) 828-3120 Option 2 or the Rhode Island FSA County Office at (401) 828-3120 Option 1.

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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