

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Four Iowa Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms and Tornadoes

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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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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.

Presidential Major Disaster Designation M4784

Impacted Area: Iowa

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes occurring May 20 - May 21, 2024.

Application Deadline: January 24, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Adair, Montgomery, Polk, Story

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible: None

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local USDA Service Center.

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 <u>fema.gov/assistance</u>.

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