

# Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FEMA Designates 10 West Virginia Counties as a Natural Disaster Area Due to Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides that occurred April 11 to April 12, 2024 – Belmont, Columbiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe, and Washington Counties in Ohio are

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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. USDA's FSA offers these loans for losses caused by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred on April 11 to April 12, 2024. The deadline for producers in designated primary and contiguous counties to apply for loans is January 24, 2025.

Impacted Area: West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

<u>Triggering Disaster</u>: Severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred on April 11, 2024, to April 12, 2024

**Application Deadline**: January 24, 2025

<u>Primary Counties Eligible</u>: West Virgina – Boone, Brooke, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Lincoln, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties.

## **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible**:

**West Virginia** – Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Harrison, Kanawha, Lewis, Logan, Marion, Mingo, Monongalia, Pleasants, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Wayne and Wyoming Counties.

Ohio - Belmont, Columbiana, Jefferson, Monroe, and Washington Counties.

Pennsylvania – Beaver, Greene and Washington Counties.

#### 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 <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

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.

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