



Farm Service Agency
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Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Cherokee County, North Carolina, as Contiguous Natural Disaster Area Due to Disaster Events that Occurred May 8

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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: Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding during May 8, 2024, through May 9, 2024.

Application Deadline: February 17, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Cannon, Cheatham, Giles, Hamilton, Jackson, Macon, Montgomery, Polk, Smith, Sumner, Warren

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Alabama: Lauderdale, Limestone

- **Georgia:** Catoosa, Dade, Fannin, Murray, Walker, Whitfield
- **Kentucky:** Allen, Christian, Monroe, Simpson, Todd
- **North Carolina:** Cherokee
- **Tennessee:** Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Coffee, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Grundy, Hickman, Houston, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, McMinn, Marion, Marshall, Meigs, Monroe, Overton,

Putnam, Rhea, Robertson, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Stewart, Trousdale, Van Buren, White, Williamson, Wilson

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, 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 [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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