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## USDA Designates 6 Iowa Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Excessive Rain, Flash Flooding, Hail, High Winds and Lightning

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### *Jackson, Nobles, and Rock Counties in Minnesota Eligible as Contiguous*

This Secretarial natural disaster designation 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:** Iowa

**Triggering Disaster:** Excessive Rain, Flash Flooding, Hail, High Winds and Lightning occurring June 1 through July 4, 2024. (S5735)

**Application Deadline:** April 7, 2025

**Primary Iowa Counties Eligible:** Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Buena Vista, Cherokee, Emmet, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas

**Minnesota:** Jackson, Nobles, Rock

**South Dakota:** Lincoln, Minnehaha, Union

### **More Resources**

On [farmers.gov](https://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](#).

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