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## **Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 22 Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms and Flooding Three Contiguous South Dakota Counties Also Eligible for Assistance**

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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:** Minnesota

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe Storms and Flooding that occurred during June 16, 2024, through July 4, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** Feb. 28, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Blue Earth, Carver, Cass, Cook, Cottonwood, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Jackson, Lake, Le Sueur, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Rice, Rock, St. Louis, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, and Watonwan

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Dickinson, Emmet, Howard, Kossuth, Lyon, Osceola, Winnebago, Winneshiek, and Worth

**Minnesota:** Aitkin, Beltrami, Brown, Carlton, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Martin, Morrison, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Redwood, Scott, Sibley, Todd, Wadena, Winona, and Wright

**South Dakota:** Brookings, Minnehaha, and Moody

**Wisconsin:** Buffalo, Douglas, Pepin, and Pierce

## 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://fema.gov/assistance).

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