



Farm Service Agency  
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## USDA Designates Blue Earth, Freeborn, Kandiyohi, and Todd County in Minnesota as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Excessive Rain, Flash Flooding, High Winds, and Hail

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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:** Minnesota

**Triggering Disaster 1:** S5786 - Excessive Rain and Flash Flood from June 21 to June 23, 2024

**Application Deadline:** May 27, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Freeborn

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Winnebago, Worth

**Minnesota:** Faribault, Mower, Steele, Waseca

**Triggering Disaster 2:** S5787 - Excessive Rain and Flash Flood from June 19, 2024, and continuing

**Application Deadline:** May 27, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Blue Earth

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Minnesota:** Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Waseca, Watonwan

**Triggering Disaster 3:** S5788 - High Winds and Hail from August 3, 2024

**Application Deadline:** May 27, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Todd

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Minnesota:** Cass, Douglas, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Wadena

**Triggering Disaster 4:** S5789 - Excessive Rain from May 15, 2024, and continuing

**Application Deadline:** May 27, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Kandiyohi

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Minnesota:** Chippewa, Meeker, Pope, Renville, Stearns, Swift

**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](#).

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