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## Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 24 South Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding

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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:** South Dakota

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding that occurred from June 16, 2024 to July 8, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** April 15, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Aurora, Bennett, Bon Homme, Brule, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jackson, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Sanborn, Tripp, Turner, Union, and Yankton

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Iowa:** Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury

**Minnesota:** Lincoln, Pipestone, and Rock

**Nebraska:** Boyd, Cedar, Cherry, Dakota, Dixon, Keya Paha, and Knox

**South Dakota:** Beadle, Brookings, Buffalo, Faulk, Haakon, Hyde, Jerauld, Jones, Kingsbury, Lyman, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, Spink, and Todd

## 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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