

## USDA Designates Multiple Kentucky Counties as Primary or Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to September Drought Events

**Emergency Designation | Kentucky | October 22, 2024**

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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:** Kentucky.

**Triggering Disaster 1:** Drought (Fast Track) that occurred on September 17, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** May 23, 2025.

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Lawrence.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Elliott, Johnson, Lewis, Martin, Morgan, Rowan.

**Ohio:** Lawrence, Scioto.

**West Virginia:** Wayne.

**Impacted Area:** Indiana.

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought (Fast Track) that occurred on September 24, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** May 30, 2025.

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Dearborn, Franklin, Ripley.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Boone.

**Indiana:** Decatur, Fayette, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Rush, Switzerland, Union.

**Ohio:** Hamilton.

**Impacted Area: Kentucky.**

**Triggering Disaster 3:** Drought (Fast Track) that occurred on September 24, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** June 2, 2025.

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Henry, Martin, Mercer, Owen, Shelby, Washington, Woodford.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Carroll, Casey, Fayette, Floyd, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Nelson, Oldham, Pike, Scott, Spencer, Trimble.

**West Virginia:** Mingo, Wayne.

**Impacted Area: Ohio.**

**Triggering Disaster 4:** Drought (Fast Track) that occurred on September 24, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** June 2, 2025.

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Coshocton, Hamilton.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Kenton, Lewis, Mason, Pendleton.

**Indiana:** Dearborn, Franklin, Union.

**Ohio:** Clinton, Guernsey, Highland, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Montgomery, Muskingum, Pike, Preble, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Warren.

**Impacted Area: Tennessee.**

**Triggering Disaster 5:** Drought (Fast Track) that occurred on September 24, 2024.

**Application Deadline:** June 2, 2025.

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Montgomery, Robertson.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Christian, Logan, Simpson, Todd.

**Tennessee:** Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Stewart, Sumner.

**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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