

USDA Designates Two Tennessee Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas with Assistance Available

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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: Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Excessive rainfall and high winds as a result of Hurricane Helene that occurred on Sept. 28 through Sept. 29, 2024.

Application Deadline: Aug. 11, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Missouri:** Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Tennessee:** Dyer, Lake
- **Arkansas:** Clay, Craighead, Greene, Mississippi, Randolph

- **Illinois:** Alexander, Union
- **Kentucky:** Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman
- **Missouri:** Carter, Madison, Oregon, Perry, Wayne

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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