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## USDA Designates 3 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas

**Emergency Designation | Kentucky | March 25, 2025**

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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.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

### **Triggering Disaster S5952**

**Impacted Area:** Tennessee

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought that occurred on November 15, 2024

**Application Deadline:** 11/25/2025

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Tennessee:** Anderson, Bedford, Bledsoe, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Hamilton, Knox, Lawrence, Lincoln, Loudon, McMinn, Marion, Marshall, Maury, Meigs, Monroe, Moore, Morgan, Overton, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, White, Williamson

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **Alabama:** Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison
- **Georgia:** Catoosa, Dade, Fannin, Murray, Walker, Whitfield
- **Kentucky:** McCreary, Wayne, Whitley
- **North Carolina:** Cherokee, Graham
- **Tennessee:** Blount, Cheatham, Claiborne, Clay, Davidson, Dickson, Grainger, Hickman, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Pickett, Sevier, Smith, Union, Wayne, Wilson

## 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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