

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Nine Mississippi Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Mississippi

<u>Triggering Disaster:</u> Strong winds and heavy rainfall due to Hurricane Ida/Tropical Storm Ida that occurred from August 29 through August 31, 2021.

Application Deadline: Aug. 8, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible:

Franklin	Jackson	Marion
George	Kemper	Pike
Hancock	Lincoln	Walthall

Contiguous Counties/Parishes Also Eligible:

Mississippi:

Adams	Jefferson Davis	Noxubee
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Amite	Lamar	Pearl River
Copiah	Lauderdale	Perry
Greene	Lawrence	Stone
Harrison	Neshoba	Wilkinson
Jefferson	Newton	Winston

Alabama: Mobile and Sumter

Louisiana: Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

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