

## USDA Designates Two Florida Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | January 21, 2022

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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:** Florida

**Triggering Disaster:** Rain, winds, and Tropical Storm Elsa that occurred from July 7 through July 8, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** Sept. 19, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Dixie and Gilchrist

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Alachua	Lafayette	Suwannee
Columbia	Levy	Taylor

### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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