

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Two Florida 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: Florida

<u>Triggering Disaster:</u> 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 <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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