



## USDA Designates 23 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.

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.

**Impacted Area:** Mississippi

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 8, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Adams	Coahoma	Humphreys	Quitman	Wa
Amite	Franklin	Issaquena	Sharkey	Wa

Bolivar	Grenada	Jefferson	Sunflower	Wilcox
Carroll	Hinds	Leflore	Tallahatchie	Yalobusha
Claiborne	Holmes	Pike		

**Contiguous Counties/Parishes Also Eligible:**

<b>Mississippi:</b>				
Attala	Lincoln	Panola	Tunica	Webs
Calhoun	Madison	Rankin	Walthall	Yalob
Copiah	Montgomery	Simpson		

**Arkansas:** Chicot, Desha, Phillips

**Louisiana:** Concordia, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Madison, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Washington, West Feliciana

**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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