

USDA Designates Four Illinois Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

News Release | Illinois | February 13, 2023

[View PDF](#)

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, February 13, 2023 – 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: Illinois

Triggering Disaster: Excessive moisture and flash flooding that occurred from July 26 through August 12, 2022

Application Deadline: July 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Edwards, Jefferson, Washington and Wayne

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Illinois: Clay, Clinton, Franklin, Hamilton, Marion, Perry, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Wabash and White.

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](#).

Farm Service Agency:

1400 Independence Ave.
SW Washington, DC 20250

Contact:

FPAC Press Desk

FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov