

## USDA Designates 3 Illinois Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Indiana Counties of Knox, Sullivan and Vigo Designated as Contiguous Counties

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**Indianapolis, July 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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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 to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Illinois

Triggering Disaster: Tornadoes that occurred March 31, 2023

Application Deadline: March 11, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Bureau, Clark and Crawford

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Illinois:** Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Henry, Jasper, LaSalle, Lawrence, Lee, Marshall, Putnam, Richland, Stark and Whiteside.

Indiana: Knox, Sullivan and Vigo

#### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance 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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