



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset and, Waldo Counties in Maine as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Presidential disaster declaration 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 to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Maine

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storm and Flooding that occurred from April 30 to May 1, 2023

Application Deadline: 03-06-2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Waldo

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Maine: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and York

New Hampshire: Carroll and Coos

More Resources:

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

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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