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## Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Nine Vermont Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Recent Severe Storms, Flooding and Mudslides

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*Contiguous counties in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York also eligible for assistance*

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.

FSA also offers the Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) program for producers who currently have an FSA direct loan, have been impacted by the eligible natural disaster event and are concerned about making scheduled loan payments. For information on setting aside your next FSA loan payment through the DSA program, contact your local USDA Service Center visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

**Impacted Area:** Vermont

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe Storms and Flooding that occurred July 7, 2023, and continuing.

**Application Deadline:** March 14, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland, Washington, Windham and Windsor

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Vermont:** Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Franklin, Grand Isle, Orange and Orleans

**Massachusetts:** Franklin

**New Hampshire:** Cheshire, Grafton and Sullivan

**New York:** Clinton, Essex and Washington

**Disaster 1, Amendment 1:** Severe Storms and Flooding that occurred July 7, 2023, and continuing.

**Application Deadline:** March 21, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Caledonia and Orange

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Vermont:** Addison, Essex, Lamoille, Orleans, Washington and Windsor

**New Hampshire:** Grafton

**Disaster 1, Amendment 2:** Severe Storms and Flooding that occurred July 7, 2023, and continuing.

**Application Deadline:** March 21, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bennington

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Massachusetts:** Rutland, Windham and Windsor

**New York:** Rensselaer and Washington

### **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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