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## **Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 23 Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

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*Contiguous Counties Eligible in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin*

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:** Minnesota

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe storms and flooding

**Application Deadline:** March 19, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Aitkin, Big Stone, Carlton, Chippewa, Clay, Grant, Houston, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomon, Marshall, Morrison, Norman, Pine, Pope, Renville, Roseau, St. Louis, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Minnesota:** Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Brown, Cass, Chisago, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Dakota, Douglas, Fillmore, Goodhue, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, Lake, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Nicollet, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Redwood, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, Winona, Yellow Medicine

**Iowa:** Allamakee, Winneshiek

**North Dakota:** Cass, Grand Forks, Pembina, Richland, Traill, Walsh

**South Dakota:** Deuel, Grant, Roberts

**Wisconsin:** Burnett, Douglas, La Crosse, Pierce, Vernon

### **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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