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## Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 1 County as Primary Natural Disaster Area

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### ***Lake County Indiana Considered a Contiguous County***

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:** Illinois

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe storms and flooding that occurred June 29 through July 2, 2023

**Application Deadline:** April 15, 2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Cook

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Illinois: DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will

Indiana: Lake

### **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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