



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 25 Minnesota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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Includes Declaration Amendment Making More Counties 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.

Impacted Area: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms and Flooding

Application Deadline: March 19, 2024

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

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Becker, Beltrami, Brown, Cass, Chisago, Clearwater, Dakota, Douglas, Fillmore, Itasca, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, Lake, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Nicollet, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Redwood, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, 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

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Impacted Area: Minnesota

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms and Flooding

Application Deadline: May 7, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Mille Lacs, Wabasha

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Minnesota: Aitkin, Benton, Crow Wing, Goodhue, Isanti, Kanabec, Morrison, Olmsted, Sherburne, Winona

Wisconsin: Buffalo, Pepin

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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