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## **USDA Designates 29 Georgia Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas**

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### ***Four Contiguous Counties in South Carolina Eligible for Assistance***

These Secretarial natural disaster designations allow 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:** Georgia

**Triggering Disaster 1:** Hurricane Idalia

**Application Deadline:** 05/09/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Echols, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Lanier, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Thomas, Tift, Ware and Wayne

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Florida:** Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, and Nassau

**Georgia:** Ben Hill, Bryan, Burke, Cook, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Grady, Irwin, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Mitchell, Montgomery, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Wheeler and Worth

**South Carolina:** Allendale and Hampton

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Hurricane Idalia

**Application Deadline:** 06/03/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Burke, Montgomery, Toombs and Treutlen

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Georgia:** Appling, Candler, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall and Wheeler **South Carolina:** Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell

**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](#).

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