



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 20 Tennessee Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Secretarial natural disaster designation 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.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-track)

Application Deadline: 7/1/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Bledsoe, Bradley, Chester, Decatur, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Henderson, Lawrence, McMinn, McNairy, Marion, Meigs, Perry, Rhea, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Alabama: Jackson, Lauderdale, Madison

Georgia: Catoosa, Dade, Murray, Walker, Whitfield

Mississippi: Alcorn, Tishomingo

Tennessee: Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Coffee, Cumberland, Dekalb, Giles, Hardeman, Hickman, Humphreys, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Madison, Maury, Monroe, Moore, Polk, Roane, White

Impacted Area: Alabama

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought (Fast Track)

Application Deadline: 7/1/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Butler, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Madison, Marshall, Morgan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Alabama: Blount, Calhoun, Cleburn, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Etowah, Lawrence, Limestone, Lowndes, Marion, Monroe, Walker, Wilcox, Winston

Georgia: Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Polk, Walker

Mississippi: Itawamba, Tishomingo

Tennessee: Franklin, Giles, Hardin, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Wayne

Impacted Area: Georgia

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-track)

Application Deadline: 7/1/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Walker

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Alabama: Cherokee, DeKalb, Jackson

Georgia: Floyd, Gordon, Whitfield

Tennessee: Hamilton, Marion

Impacted Area: Mississippi

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-track)

Application Deadline: 7/1/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Alcorn, Itawamba, Marshall, Prentiss, Tate, Tishomingo

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Alabama: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion

Mississippi: Benton, DeSoto, Lafayette, Lee, Monroe, Panola, Tippah, Tunica, Union

Tennessee: Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, McNairy, Shelby

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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