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## **USDA Designates 29 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:** 7/8/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Anderson, Bedford, Blount, Cannon, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fayette, Giles, Hardeman, Haywood, Hickman, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Madison, Marshall, Maury, Monroe, Moore, Morgan, Polk, Roane, Rutherford, Shelby, Tipton, White, Williamson

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Alabama:** Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison

**Arkansas:** Crittenden, Mississippi

**Georgia:** Fannin, Murray

**Mississippi:** Alcorn, Benton, DeSoto, Marshall, Tippah

**North Carolina:** Cherokee, Graham, Swain

**Tennessee:** Bledsoe, Bradley, Campbell, Carroll, Cheatham, Chester, Crockett, Davidson, Dickson, Fentress, Franklin, Gibson, Grainger, Grundy, Henderson, Humphreys, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, McMinn, McNairy, Meigs, Perry, Putnam, Rhea, Scott, Sevier, Smith, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, Wilson

**Impacted Area:** Alabama

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought (Fast Track)

**Application Deadline:** 7/8/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Blount, Covington, Geneva, Lawrence, Limestone, Marion, Walker, Winston

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Alabama:** Butler, Coffee, Colbert, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Cullman, Dale, Escambia, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Houston, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, Tuscaloosa

**Florida:** Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Walton

**Mississippi:** Itawamba, Monroe

**Tennessee:** Giles, Lincoln

**Impacted Area:** Georgia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast-track)

**Application Deadline:** 7/8/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Bartow, Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Whitfield

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Alabama:** Cherokee

**Georgia:** Catoosa, Chattooga, Cobb, Forsyth, Fulton, Hall, Paulding, Polk, Union, Walker, White

**North Carolina:** Cherokee

**Tennessee:** Bradley, Hamilton, Polk

**Impacted Area:** Mississippi

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast-track)

**Application Deadline:** 7/8/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Benton, DeSoto, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Tippah, Union

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Alabama:** Lamar, Marion

**Arkansas:** Crittenden

**Mississippi:** Alcorn, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lowndes, Marshall, Prentiss, Tate, Tunica

**Tennessee:** Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, 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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