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[USDA Designates 2 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Drought](#)

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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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 08/05/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Claiborne, Fentress, Jackson, Jefferson, Overton, Sevier, Smith

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Tennessee: Blount, Campbell, Clay, Cocke, Cumberland, DeKalb, Grainger, Hamblen, Hancock, Knox, Macon, Morgan, Pickett, Putnam, Scott, Trousdale, Union, Wilson

Kentucky: Bell and Whitley

North Carolina: Haywood

Virginia: Lee

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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