

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Maine 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.

Impacted Area: Maine

Triggering Disaster: Excessive Rain

Application Deadline: 09/26/24

<u>Primary Counties Eligible:</u> Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataguis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, York

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Additional State:

New Hampshire: Carroll, Coos, Rockingham, Strafford

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

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