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## **USDA Designates 2 Tennessee Counties as Secondary 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:** Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee

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

**Application Deadline:** May 23, 2025

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

State: Georgia

Counties: Catoosa, Dade, Walker

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

State: Alabama

Counties: DeKalb, Jackson

State: Georgia

Counties: Chattooga, Floyd, Gordon, Whitfield

State: Tennessee

Counties: Hamilton, Marion

## 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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