



## **Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Four Counties in Tennessee as Natural Disaster Areas due to Hurricane Helene with Assistance Available for 11 Contiguous Counties in Tennessee**

**Emergency Designation | Tennessee | November 14, 2024**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Four Counties in Tennessee as Natural Disaster Areas due to Hurricane Helene with Assistance Available for 11 Contiguous Counties in Tennessee**

This Presidential disaster declaration 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.

**Triggering Presidential Designation [M4832](#), Amendment 2:**

**Impacted Area:** Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky

**Triggering Disaster:** Hurricane Helene that occurred on Sept. 26, 2024, and continuing

**Application Deadline:** June 9, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Tennessee:** Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Sullivan

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **Tennessee:** Campbell, Carter, Cocke, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Knox, Sevier, Union, Washington
- **Kentucky:** Bell, Whitley
- **Virginia:** Lee, Scott, Washington, Bristol

## More Resources

On [farmers.gov](https://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](#).

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://fema.gov/assistance).

#

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.*

### **Farm Service Agency:**

1400 Independence Ave.  
SW Washington, DC 20250

### **Contact:**

FPAC Press Desk  
[FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov](mailto:FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov)