



## USDA Designates 4 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to Excessive Rain and High Winds from Hurricane Helene Emergency Designation | Kentucky | December 16, 2024

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:** Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee.

**Triggering Disaster:** Excessive rain and high winds from Hurricane Helene.

**Application Deadline:** 8/11/2025

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Missouri:** Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard.

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

- **Kentucky:** Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman.
- **Arkansas:** Clay, Craighead, Greene, Mississippi, Randolph.
- **Missouri:** Carter, Madison, Oregon, Perry, Wayne.
- **Illinois:** Alexander, Union.
- **Tennessee:** Dyer, Lake.

## 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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