



USDA Designates Florida Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Florida | May 15, 2025

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

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: December 8, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Glades, Hendry, Martin, Palm Beach

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Highlands, Lee, Okeechobee, St Lucie

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: December 15, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Hernando, Pasco

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Florida: Citrus, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: December 22, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Broward, Collier

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Hendry, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach

Triggering Disaster #4

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: January 5, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Lake, Marion, Sumter, Volusia

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Alachua, Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Hernando, Levy, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole

Triggering Disaster #5

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: January 5, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Citrus, Flagler, Lee, Orange, Putnam

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Alachua, Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion, Osceola, Polk, St Johns, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia

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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