



USDA Designates Florida Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

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Florida

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: February 2, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, Sarasota

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, St Lucie, Sumter

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: February 2, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Monroe

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Collier, Miami-Dade

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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