

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 41 Counties in Arkansas as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding

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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.

1. Triggering Presidential Designation: M4873

Impacted Area: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Application Deadline: January 21, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

 Arkansas: Clark, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Izard, Jackson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Little River, Lonoke, Marion, Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Pike, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, White, and Woodruff

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Arkansas: Arkansas, Baxter, Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Chicot, Cleburne, Cleveland, Columbia, Drew, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Howard, Independence, Jefferson, Johnson, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, Mississippi, Perry, Phillips, Polk, Pope, Sebastian, Union, Van Buren, and Yell
- Louisiana: Bossier, Caddo, and Webster
- Mississippi: Bolivar, DeSoto, and Tunica
- Missouri: Butler, Dunklin, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Ripley, and Taney
- Oklahoma: Le Flore and McCurtain
- **Tennessee:** Shelby and Tipton
- Texas: Bowie and Cass

2. Triggering Presidential Designation M4873: Amendment 1

Impacted Area: Arkansas

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Application Deadline: February 24, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

Arkansas: Garland and Mississippi

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

 Arkansas: Craighead, Crittenden, Hot Spring, Montgomery, Perry, Poinsett, Saline, and Yell

• Missouri: Dunklin and Pemiscot

• Tennessee: Dyer, Lauderdale, Shelby, and Tipton

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> 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.

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