Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 9 Counties in Arkansas as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms and Tornadoes

Emergency Designation | Arkansas | August 01, 2025

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M4865

Arkansas

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: M4865

Impacted Area: Arkansas and Missouri

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms and Tornadoes

Application Deadline: January 8, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Arkansas:** Greene, Hot Spring, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp, and Stone

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Arkansas:** Baxter, Clark, Cleburne, Craighead, Cross, Dallas, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Montgomery, Poinsett, Saline, Searcy, Van Buren, White and Woodruff

- **Missouri:** Dunklin, Oregon and Ripley

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.

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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