



Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates Multiple Iowa Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Due to March Winter Storm

Emergency Designation | Iowa | November 21, 2025

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 M4870:

Impacted Area: Iowa

Triggering Disaster: Severe Winter Storm that occurred on March 19, 2025

Application Deadline: January 21, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Iowa:** Crawford, Harrison, Monona, Woodbury

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Iowa :** Audubon, Carroll, Cherokee, Ida, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby
- **Nebraska:** Burt, Dakota, Thurston, Washington
- **South Dakota:** Union

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](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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