



USDA Designates 6 Missouri Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | Illinois | November 25, 2025

Stakeholder Notification

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.

Impacted Area: Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee

Triggering Disaster:Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible: Missouri- Butler, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, and Stoddard

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Missouri- Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Ripley, Scott and Wayne

Arkansas- Clay, Craighead, Greene, and Mississippi

Illinois- Alexander

Kentucky- Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman

Tennessee- Dyer and Lake

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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