



Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 4 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, 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:** M4872

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

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Application Deadline: January 21, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Missouri- Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cooper, Douglas, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Texas, Vernon, Wayne, and Webster**

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Missouri- Barton, Bates, Boone, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dallas, Dent, Gasconade, Greene, Howard, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pulaski, St. Clair, St. Francois, Saline, Taney, Washington, and Wright.
- Arkansas- Baxter, Clay, Craighead, Fulton, Greene, Marion, Mississippi, Randolph, and Sharp
- Illinois- Alexander and Union
- Kansas- Bourbon, Crawford, and Linn
- Kentucky- Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman
- Tennessee- Dryer and Lake

2. **Triggering Presidential Designation:** M4872, Amendment 1

Impacted Area: Missouri and Illinois

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Application Deadline: February 25, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- Missouri- Ste. Genevieve

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Missouri- Jefferson, Perry and St. Francois
- Illinois- Monroe and Randolph

3. **Triggering Presidential Designation:** M4872, Amendment 4

Impacted Area: Missouri

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Application Deadline: June 22, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- Missouri- Washington

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Missouri- Crawford, Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, and St. Francois

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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