



Federal Emergency Management Agency Designate Multiple Counties in Kentucky as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes

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Stakeholder Notification

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 M4875

Impacted Area: Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes during the period of May 16 to May 17, 2025

Application Deadline: 01/23/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Caldwell, Laurel, Pulaski, Russell, Trigg, Union

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Illinois:** Gallatin, Hardin
- **Indiana:** Posey
- **Kentucky:** Adair, Calloway, Casey, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Henderson, Hopkins, Jackson, Knox, Lincoln, Lyon, McCreary, Marshall, Rockcastle, Wayne, Webster, Whitley
- **Tennessee:** Stewart

2. Triggering Presidential Designation M4875 Amendment 1

Impacted Area: Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes during the period of May 16 to May 17, 2025

Application Deadline: 03/23/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Adair, Barren, Breathitt, Butler, Carlisle, Casey, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Estill, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Larue, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, McCreary, Marshall, Menifee, Metcalfe, Owsley, Powell, Rockcastle, Spencer, Todd, Warren, Wayne

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Illinois:** Hardin, Massac, Pope
- **Kentucky:** Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Bath, Bell, Boyle, Bullitt, Caldwell, Calloway, Clark, Cumberland, Edmonson, Floyd, Garrard, Graves, Grayson, Green, Hardin, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Laurel, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, McCracken, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Taylor, Trigg, Union, Webster, Whitley, Wolfe
- **Missouri:** Mississippi
- **Tennessee:** Campbell, Clay, Montgomery, Pickett, Robertson, Scott, Stewart

3. **Triggering Presidential Designation M4875 Amendment 2**

Impacted Area: Kentucky and Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes during the period of May 16 to May 17, 2025

Application Deadline: 03/23/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Allen, Cumberland, Whitley

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Adair, Barren, Bell, Clinton, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell, Simpson, Warren
- **Tennessee:** Campbell, Claiborne, Clay, Macon, Sumner

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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