



USDA Designates Multiple Kentucky Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Emergency Designation | Kentucky | January 07, 2026

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.

Triggering Disaster #1

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

Triggering Disaster S6072: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

Triggering Disaster # 2

Impacted Area: Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri

Triggering Disaster S6077:Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: May 26, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Tennessee:** Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Montgomery, Obion, Weakley

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Tennessee:** Benton, Carroll, Cheatham, Dickson, Haywood, Houston, Madison, Robertson, Stewart, Tipton
- **Arkansas:** Mississippi
- **Kentucky:** Calloway, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Todd
- **Missouri:** New Madrid, Pemiscot

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Kentucky, Tennessee

Triggering Disaster S6081:Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 06/01/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Lyon, Marshall, Trigg

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Kentucky:** Caldwell, Calloway, Christian, Crittenden, Graves, Livingston, McCracken
- **Tennessee:** Stewart,

Triggering Disaster #4

Impacted Area: Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi

Triggering Disaster S6087:Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 06/01/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Tennessee:** Benton, Chester, Hardeman, Haywood, McNairy, Madison, Stewart

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Tennessee:** Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Fayette, Gibson, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Lauderdale, Montgomery, Perry, Tipton
- **Kentucky:** Calloway, Christian, Trigg
- **Mississippi:** Alcorn, Benton, Tippah

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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