



## USDA Designates 5 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas Due to Excessive Rain and Flooding

**Emergency Designation | Kentucky | February 17, 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.

**Impacted Area:** Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri

**Triggering Disaster S6091:** Excessive Rain and Flooding

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **Illinois:** Alexander, Bond, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Saline, Shelby, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **Illinois:** Christian, Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Jersey, Macon, Macoupin, Piatt, Sangamon
- **Indiana:** Gibson, Knox, Posey, Sullivan, Vigo
- **Kentucky:** Ballard, Crittenden, Livingston, McCracken, Union
- **Missouri:** Cape Girardeau, Jefferson, Mississippi, Perry, St Charles, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Scott, St. Louis

## 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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