



## USDA Designates 40 North Carolina Counties as Natural Disaster Areas with Seven Contiguous Counties in Tennessee

**Emergency Designation | Tennessee | April 21, 2026**

Tennessee

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:** North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** S6172 Drought (Fast-Track)

**Application Deadline:** 12/10/2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **North Carolina:** Alamance, Alexander, Bertie, Cabarrus, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, Mecklenburg, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rowan, Sampson, Stanly, Swain, Union, Warren, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin

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

- **Tennessee:** Blount, Cocke, Greene, Monroe, Polk, Sevier, Unicoi
- **Georgia:** Fannin, Rabun, Towns, Union
- **North Carolina:** Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bladen, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Chowan, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Graham, Granville, Greene, Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Jackson, Jones, Lenoir, Montgomery, Moore, Onslow, Pender,

Pitt, Robeson, Rockingham, Rutherford, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Vance,  
Wake, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Yancey

- **South Carolina:** Cherokee, Chesterfield, Lancaster, Marlboro, Oconee, York
- **Virginia:** Brunswick, Greensville, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Southampton

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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