



USDA Designates Two Alabama Counties as Natural Disaster Areas with Two Tennessee Counties as Contiguous

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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: Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: December 23, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Alabama:** DeKalb, Jackson

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Alabama:** Cherokee, Etowah, Madison, Marshall
- **Georgia:** Chattooga, Dade, Walker
- **Tennessee:** Franklin, Marion

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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