



USDA Designates One Georgia County as Natural Disaster Areas, Two Counties in South Carolina Also Eligible for Assistance

Emergency Designation | Georgia | August 03, 2026

Georgia

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: Georgia and South Carolina

Triggering Disaster:Drought (Fast-Track) that began May 19, 2026

Application Deadline: March 17, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Georgia:** Richmond

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Georgia:** Burke, Columbia, Jefferson, and McDuffie
- **South Carolina:** Aiken, and Edgefield

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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