



USDA Designates Seven Georgia Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

State: Georgia

Triggering Disaster #1: Flash flooding that occurred March 24 through March 31, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary County Eligible: Gordon

Contiguous Counties also Eligible: Bartow, Cherokee, Floyd, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, Walker and Whitfield

Triggering Disaster #2: Freeze that occurred on April 22, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary County Eligible: Union

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia: Fannin, Lumpkin, Towns and White

North Carolina: Cherokee and Clay

Triggering Disaster #3: Excessive rain, hail and high winds that occurred on April 24, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Echols and Lowndes

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia: Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Cook and Lanier

Florida: Columbia, Hamilton and Madison

Triggering Disaster #4: Excessive rain and high winds that occurred on April 24, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Atkinson, Coffee and Ware

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia:

Bacon	Chariton	Lanier
Ben Hill	Clinch	Pierce
Berrien	Irwin	Telfair
Brantley	Jeff Davis	

Florida: Baker

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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