

## Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 3 Tennessee Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Presidential disaster declaration 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 <u>emergency loans</u>. 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: Tennessee

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes

Application Deadline: January 17, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Giles, Johnson, and Morgan

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

Tennessee: Anderson, Carter, Cumberland, Fentress, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Roane, Scott, Sullivan
Alabama: Lauderdale, Limestone
North Carolina: Ashe, Avery, Watauga
Virginia: Grayson, Washington

#### More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance Tool</u> can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit

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