



USDA Designates 29 Georgia Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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Four Contiguous Counties in South Carolina Eligible for Assistance

These Secretarial natural disaster designations allow 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.

Impacted Area: Georgia

Triggering Disaster 1: Hurricane Idalia

Application Deadline: 05/09/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Echols, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Lanier, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Thomas, Tift, Ware and Wayne

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, and Nassau

Georgia: Ben Hill, Bryan, Burke, Cook, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Grady, Irwin, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Mitchell, Montgomery, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Wheeler and Worth

South Carolina: Allendale and Hampton

Triggering Disaster 2: Hurricane Idalia

Application Deadline: 06/03/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Burke, Montgomery, Toombs and Treutlen

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Georgia: Appling, Candler, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall and Wheeler **South Carolina:** Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell

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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