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Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 21 Florida Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Hurricane Idalia

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Contiguous counties in Florida and Georgia are also eligible for assistance

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 [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.

The following disaster designations have been amended to as follows:

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster 1: Hurricane Idalia that occurred 08/27/2023 to 09/04/2023

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Citrus, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Taylor

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Alachua, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hernando, Jefferson, Madison, Sumter

Georgia: Brooks, Echols, Lowndes

Disaster 1, Amendment: Hurricane Idalia that occurred 08/27/2023 to 09/04/2023

Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Columbia, Gilchrist, Hernando, Jefferson, Madison, and Pasco

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Alachua, Baker, Citrus, Dixie, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla

Georgia: Brooks, Clinch, Echols, Lowndes, and Thomas

Disaster 1, Amendment: Hurricane Idalia that occurred 08/27/2023 to 09/04/2023

Application Deadline: May 3, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Pinellas

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Hillsborough, Manatee, and Pasco

Disaster 1, Amendment: Hurricane Idalia from 08/27/2023 to 09/04/2023

Application Deadline: May 9, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Manatee and Sarasota

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Polk

Disaster 1, Amendment: Hurricane Idalia 08/27/2023-09/04/2023

Application Deadline: June 3, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Baker, Charlotte, Duval, Hillsborough, and Nassau

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Florida: Bradford, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto, Galdes, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, St. Johns, Sarasota, and Union

Georgia: Camden, Charlton, Clinch, and Ware

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](#).

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 [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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