



## USDA Designates 2 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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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 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 eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** Tennessee

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** 08/05/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Claiborne, Fentress, Jackson, Jefferson, Overton, Sevier, Smith

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Tennessee:** Blount, Campbell, Clay, Cocke, Cumberland, DeKalb, Grainger, Hamblen, Hancock, Knox, Macon, Morgan, Pickett, Putnam, Scott, Trousdale, Union, Wilson

**Kentucky:** Bell and Whitley

**North Carolina:** Haywood

**Virginia:** Lee

**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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