

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates 21 Oklahoma 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: Oklahoma

Triggering Disaster: Severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes

Application Deadline: May 7, 2024

<u>Primary Counties Eligible:</u> Beaver, Cimarron, Comanche, Cotton, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Harper, Jefferson, Love, McCurtain, Major, Mayes, Payne, Pushmataha, Rogers, Stephens, Tulsa, and Woodward

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Oklahoma: Adair, Alfalfa, Atoka, Blaine, Bryan, Caddo, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Latimer, Le Flore, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, McCurtain, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Payne, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Texas, Tillman, Tulsa, Wagoner, Washington, and Woods

Arkansas: Benton, Little River, Polk, and Sevier

Colorado: Baca

Kansas: Cherokee, Clark, Comanche, Labette, Meade, Morton, and Seward

Missouri: McDonald

New Mexico: Union

Texas: Bowie, Clay, Cooke, Dallam, Grayson, Lamar, Lipscomb, Montague, Ochiltree, Red River, Sherman, and Wichita

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 <u>fema.gov/assistance</u>.

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