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## [USDA Announces Availability of Low-Interest Physical Loss Loans for Producers Affected by Natural Disasters](#)

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Physical loss loans through the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) can help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed physical property essential to the success of the agricultural operation, including livestock losses. Examples of property commonly affected include essential farm buildings, fixtures to real estate, equipment, livestock, perennial crops, fruit and nut bearing trees, and harvested or stored crops and hay.

**Impacted Area:** Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Excessive rain and flooding from Hurricane Helene that occurred Sept. 27, 2024, and continuing

**Application Deadline:** June 3, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

**North Carolina:** Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cleveland, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**North Carolina:** Alexander, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Gaston, Graham, Iredell, Lincoln, Surry and Yadkin

**Georgia:** Rabun

**South Carolina:** Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and York

**Tennessee:** Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, Sevier and Unicoi

**Virginia:** Grayson

## **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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