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## **USDA Designates Maine Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas** **Emergency Designation | Maine | November 21, 2025**

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

**Impacted Area:** MAINE

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Friday, May 22, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, and Somerset

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maine:** Aroostook, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York

**New Hampshire:** Carroll and Coos

**Triggering Disaster 2:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** Monday, June 1, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Hancock, Knox, Waldo, and Washington

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maine:** Aroostook, Kennebec, Lincoln, Penobscot, and Somerset

### **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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