

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Seven Georgia Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

State: Georgia

Triggering Disaster #1: Flash flooding that occurred March 24 through March 31, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary County Eligible: Gordon

<u>Contiguous Counties also Eligible</u>: Bartow, Cherokee, Floyd, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, Walker and

Whitfield

Triggering Disaster #2: Freeze that occurred on April 22, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary County Eligible: Union

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia: Fannin, Lumpkin, Towns and White

North Carolina: Cherokee and Clay

Triggering Disaster #3: Excessive rain, hail and high winds that occurred on April 24, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Echols and Lowndes

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia: Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Cook and Lanier

Florida: Columbia, Hamilton and Madison

Triggering Disaster #4: Excessive rain and high winds that occurred on April 24, 2021.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Atkinson, Coffee and Ware

Contiguous Counties also Eligible:

Georgia:

Bacon	Chariton	Lanier
Ben Hill	Clinch	Pierce
Berrien	Irwin	Telfair
Brantley	Jeff Davis	

Florida: Baker

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery 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>.

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