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USDA NRCS, FSA Announce Florida Office Closures Ahead of Hurricane Milton

Local offices to close by 2 p.m. Monday, October 7, will reopen when local conditions allow

GAINESVILLE, Florida, October 7, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) (NRCS) and [Farm Service Agency](#) (FSA) announced the following Florida offices will close today by 2 p.m., in anticipation of approaching Hurricane Milton which is predicted to reach Florida by Wednesday evening.

| <u>NRCS Service Center – Office Closures:</u> | <u>FSA Service Center – Office Closures:</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baldwin • Bartow • Brooksville (Field Office & Plant Materials Center) • Cocoa • Deland • East Palatka • Florida City • Ft. Meyers • Ft. Pierce • Gainesville (Field Office and State Office) NRCS • Kissimmee • LaBelle • Ocala NRCS • Okeechobee • Palmetto (Area 3 Office) • Plant City • Royal Palm Beach (Field Office & Area Office) • Sarasota • Sebring • Tavares • Trenton • Wauchula | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilchrist/ Trenton • Alachua/ Gainesville • STO/ Gainesville • Putnam/ East Palatka • Duval/ Baldwin • Marion/ Ocala • Lake/ Taveres • Osceola/ Kissimmee • Volusia/ Deland • Sumter/ Bushnell • Hernando/ Brooksville • Hillsborough/ Plant City • Polk/ Bartow • Lee/ Ft. Myers • Hardee/ Wauchula • Okeechobee • St. Lucie/ Ft. Pierce • Glades/ Moore Haven • Palm Beach/ Royal Palm Beach • Miami Dade/ Florida City |

USDA Service Centers will tentatively reopen by noon Thursday, as local conditions allow. Office closures may be added or changed based on the changing trajectory of the storm and local emergency mandates. **After the storm, please call ahead before visiting a [local office](#) to ensure it is open.**

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For the latest on USDA efforts, visit the [Hurricane Recovery webpage on farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov/hurricane-recovery).

Find [your local USDA Service Center](#).

What DHS and FEMA are doing: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/current>

What the U.S. government is doing: <https://www.usa.gov/disasters-and-emergencies>

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