



USDA Designates Numerous New Jersey Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought and Excessive Heat; Additional Contiguous Counties in Pennsylvania and Delaware

Emergency Designation | Pennsylvania | December 18, 2024

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.

Impacted Area: New Jersey

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought with excessive heat June 25, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: 8/11/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Hunterdon, Somerset.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Union, Warren.

Pennsylvania: Bucks.

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought with excessive heat June 1, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: 8/11/25

Primary Counties Eligible: Burlington, Camden, Ocean.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Atlantic, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth.

Pennsylvania: Bucks, Philadelphia.

Triggering Disaster 3: Drought 6/8/24 and continuing.

Application Deadline: 8/11/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Gloucester, Salem.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland.

Delaware: Kent, New Castle.

Pennsylvania: Delaware, Philadelphia.

Triggering Disaster 4: Drought 5/19/2024 and continuing.

Application Deadline: 8/11/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem.

Delaware: Kent.

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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