



## USDA Designates Thirteen Primary Michigan Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Severe Winter Storms.

**Emergency Designation | Michigan | January 21, 2026**

These Presidential Major Disaster Declarations allow 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.

### Triggering Disaster #1

**Impacted Area:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe Winter Storms: 03/28/2025- 03/30/2025

**Application Deadline:** 03/23/2026

### Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Michigan: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Kalkaska, Mackinac, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle Counties. Additionally- Little Traverse Bay Reservation.**

### Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Michigan: Chippewa, Delta, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Luce, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Schoolcraft, and Wexford Counties**

**Designation Number:** M4880

**Approval Date:** 07/22/2025

**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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