



USDA Designates 26 Florida Counties as Natural Disaster Areas Due to Winter Storm

Emergency Designation | Florida | March 05, 2026

Florida

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.

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: Florida and Georgia

Triggering Disaster: Freeze and frost that occurred Jan. 23, 2026, through Feb. 5, 2026.

Application Deadline: Nov. 4, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Dixie, Gilchrist, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Jefferson, Leon, Levy, Madison, Martin, Okeechobee, and Putnam

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Alachua, Bradford, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Flagler, Gadsden, Hamilton, Hardee, Indian River, Lafayette, Lee, Liberty, Marion, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Suwannee, Taylor, Volusia, and Wakulla
- **Georgia:** Brooks, Grady, Lowndes, and Thomas

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Freeze, frost, and high winds that occurred Jan. 23, 2026, through Feb. 5, 2026.

Application Deadline: Nov. 4, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Alachua, Bradford, Charlotte, and Collier

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Baker, Broward, Clay, Columbia, DeSoto, Gilchrist, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Levy, Marion, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Putnam, Sarasota and Union

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Freeze, frost, ice and high winds that occurred Jan. 23, 2026, through Feb. 5, 2026.

Application Deadline: Nov. 4, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Broward, Palm Beach and Sumter

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Citrus, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Pasco and Polk

Triggering Disaster #4

Impacted Area: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Freeze that occurred Jan. 23, 2026, through Feb. 5, 2026.

Application Deadline: Nov. 4, 2026

Primary County Eligible:

- **Florida:** Taylor

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Dixie, Jefferson, Lafayette and Madison

Triggering Disaster #5

Impacted Area: Florida, Alabama and Georgia

Triggering Disaster: Freeze, frost and ice that occurred Jan. 23, 2026 through Feb. 5, 2026.

Application Deadline: Nov. 4, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Florida:** Citrus, Hernando, Indian River, Jackson, Pasco and St. Lucie

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Florida:** Bay, Brevard, Calhoun, Gadsden, Hillsborough, Holmes, Levy, Liberty, Marion, Martin, Okeechobee, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter and Washington
- **Alabama:** Geneva and Houston
- **Georgia:** Seminole

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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