USDA Designates 17 New Jersey Counties as Natural Disaster Areas for Freeze

Emergency Designation | New Jersey | June 10, 2026

New Jersey

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: Freeze from 4/19/26 - 4/22/26

Application Deadline: February 8, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New Jersey:** Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Warren

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **New Jersey:** Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union

- **Delaware:** Kent, New Castle

- **New York:** Bronx, New York, Orange, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Westchester

- **Pennsylvania**: Bucks, Delaware, Monroe, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike

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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