



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

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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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