USDA Designates 12 Maryland Counties as Natural Disaster Areas for Freeze - 6 Contiguous Pennsylvania Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

Emergency Designation | Pennsylvania | June 17, 2026

Pennsylvania

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: Maryland

Triggering Disaster: Freeze

Application Deadline: 02/16/2027

- **State:** Maryland
- **Primary Counties Eligible:** Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Delaware:** Kent, New Castle, Sussex
- **District of Columbia:** District of Columbia
- **Maryland:** Allegany, Anne Arundel, Harford, Kent, Prince George's, Talbot, Worcester, Baltimore
- **Pennsylvania:** Adams, Chester, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, York
- **Virginia:** Accomack, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun
- **West Virginia:** Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan

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.

Farm Service Agency:

1400 Independence Ave.
SW Washington, DC 20250

Contact:

FPAC Press Desk
FPAC.BC.Press@usda.gov