



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

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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](#).

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