



USDA Designates all three Delaware Counties as Natural Disaster Areas for Frost and 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: Delaware

Triggering Disaster: Frost and Freeze from 4/20/26 - 4/22/26

Application Deadline: February 10, 2027

Primary Counties Eligible:

- Delaware: New Castle, Kent, and Sussex

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **New Jersey:** Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem
- **Maryland:** Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Wicomico, and Worcester
- **Pennsylvania:** Chester and Delaware

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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