



## USDA Designates Five South Carolina Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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 the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

**State:** South Carolina

**Triggering Disaster #1:** Freezing temperatures that occurred during April 2 through April 3, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** April 12, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Cherokee, Greenville, Spartanburg and Union

**Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

South Carolina: Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Pickens and York

North Carolina: Cleveland, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford and Transylvania

**Triggering Disaster #2:** Freezing temperatures that occurred during April 22, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** April 12, 2022

**Primary County Eligible:** Oconee

**Contiguous Counties also Eligible:**

South Carolina: Anderson and Pickens

Georgia: Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun and Stephens

North Carolina: Jackson, Macon and Transylvania

### **More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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