



USDA Designates 16 Michigan 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.

Impacted Area: Michigan

Triggering Disaster #1: Frost and freeze that occurred during April 2 through May 30, 2021.

Application Deadline: Sept. 19, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Antrim, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and St. Joseph

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Michigan:

Benzie

Cass

Kalamazoo

Missaukee

Van Buren

Branch

Charlevoix

Kalkaska

Otsego

Wexford

Calhoun

Crawford

Manistee

Indiana:
Elkhart and LaGrange

Triggering Disaster #2: Excessive rain that occurred during June 26 through July 16, 2021.

Application Deadline: Sept. 19, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible: Antrim, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Otsego

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Benzie
Cheboygan
Kalkaska
Missaukee
Oscoda
Charlevoix
Crawford
Manistee
Montmorency
Wexford

Triggering Disaster #3: Drought that occurred from May 5, 2021 and continuing.

Application Deadline: Sept. 19, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible:

Allegan
Gogebic
Iron
Ontonagon
Antrim
Grand Traverse
Kalkaska
Otsego
Baraga
Houghton
Leelanau

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Michigan:

Barry

Kalamazoo

Montmorency

Benzie

Kent

Oscoda

Charlevoix

Keweenaw

Ottawa

Cheboygan

Manistee

Roscommon

Crawford

Marquette

Van Buren

Dickinson

Missaukee

Wexford

Wisconsin: Florence, Forest, Iron and Vilas

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-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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