



USDA Designates 17 Florida 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: Florida

Triggering Disaster: Freeze, frost and ice that occurred from Jan. 23 through Jan. 31, 2022

Application Deadline: Nov. 21, 2022

Primary Counties Eligible:

Broward	Hardee	Indian River	Okeechobee
Collier	Hendry	Manatee	Osceola
DeSoto	Highlands	Martin	Palm Beach
Glades	Hillsborough		

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Brevard	Lee	Orange	Pinellas
Charlotte	Miami-Dade	Pasco	Sumter
Lake	Monroe		

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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