



USDA Designates 16 New Jersey 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: New Jersey

Triggering Disaster #1: Drought and excessive heat that occurred during July 1 through August 19, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Morris, Sussex and Warren

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Essex, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset and Union

New York: Orange

Pennsylvania: Bucks, Monroe, Northampton and Pike

Impacted Area: New Jersey

Triggering Disaster #2: Drought that occurred during July 1 through September 14, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Hunterdon and Somerset

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Union and Warren

Pennsylvania: Bucks

Impacted Area: New Jersey

Triggering Disaster #3: Drought and excessive heat that occurred during June 18 through September 5, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Burlington, Camden and Ocean

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Atlantic, Gloucester, Mercer and Monmouth

Pennsylvania: Bucks and Philadelphia

Impacted Area: New Jersey

Triggering Disaster #4: Drought and excessive heat that occurred during July 1, 2022, and continuing

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Salem

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

New Jersey: Burlington, Camden, Hunterdon, Ocean, Somerset and Union

Delaware: Kent and New Castle

New York: Richmond

Pennsylvania: Bucks, Delaware and Philadelphia

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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