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## **USDA Designates Six Maine 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 to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

**Impacted Area:** Maine

**Triggering Disaster:** Frost that occurred May 17 and 18, 2023.

**Application Deadline:** 03/05/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Androscoggin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Washington

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maine:** Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, York

**New Hampshire:** Carroll, Coos

### **More Resources**

On [farmers.gov](https://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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