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## **Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates New Jersey as Primary Natural Disaster Areas, Pennsylvania Counties as Contiguous**

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This Presidential disaster declaration 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:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster:** Severe Storms and Flooding

**Application Deadline:** 04/11/2024

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Warren

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Jersey:** Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex

**Pennsylvania:** Bucks, Monroe, Northampton

### **More Resources**

On 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](#).

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit [fema.gov/assistance](https://www.fema.gov/assistance).

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