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USDA Designates 1 Michigan as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana Eligible as Contiguous Counties

INDIANAPOLIS, DEC. 13, 2025 - 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: Michigan

Triggering Disaster: Frost and freeze

Application Deadline: 08/11/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Berrien

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Indiana: LaPorte and St. Joseph

Michigan: Cass and Van Buren

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](#).

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