



## USDA Designates 12 Michigan Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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### ***Indiana Counties of Elkhart, LaPorte and St. Joseph Eligible as Contiguous Counties under Disaster #1***

### ***Indiana Counties of LaGrange & Steuben Eligible as Contiguous Counties under Disaster #3***

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:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster #1:** Frost and freeze that occurred April 2 through June 25, 2021

**Application Deadline:** June 20, 2022

#### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

Allegan	Berrien	Cass
Cheboygan	Ottawa	Presque Isle

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

Michigan:

Alpena	Barry	Charlevoix
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Emmet	Kalamazoo	Kent
Mackinac	Montmorency	Muskegon
Otsego	St. Joseph	Van Buren

Indiana:

Elkhart	LaPorte	St. Joseph
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**Triggering Disaster #2:** Drought that occurred during May 1, 2021 and continuing

**Application Deadline:** June 20, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Chippewa	Huron
Luce	Mackinac

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Alger	Cheboygan	Emmet
Sanilac	Schoolcraft	Tuscola

**Triggering Disaster #3:** Excessive rain that occurred from June 1 through July 10, 2021

**Application Deadline:** June 20, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Branch	Huron
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**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Michigan:

Calhoun	Kalamazoo	Sanilac
Hillsdale	St. Joseph	Tuscola

Indiana:

LaGrange	Steuben
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### 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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