

## USDA Designates 16 Michigan Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Emergency Designation | January 21, 2022

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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:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster #1:** Frost and freeze that occurred during April 2 through May 30, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** Sept. 19, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Antrim, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and St. Joseph

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Michigan:

Benzie	Cass	Kalamazoo	Missaukee	Van Buren
Branch	Charlevoix	Kalkaska	Otsego	Wexford
Calhoun	Crawford	Manistee		

Indiana: Elkhart and LaGrange

**Triggering Disaster #2:** Excessive rain that occurred during June 26 through July 16, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** Sept. 19, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Antrim, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Otsego

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Benzie	Cheboygan	Kalkaska	Missaukee	Oscoda
Charlevoix	Crawford	Manistee	Montmorency	Wexford

**Triggering Disaster 3:** Drought that occurred from May 5, 2021 and continuing.

**Application Deadline:** Sept. 19, 2022

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

Allegan	Gogebic	Iron	Ontonagon
Antrim	Grand Traverse	Kalkaska	Otsego
Baraga	Houghton	Leelanau	

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Michigan:

Barry	Kalamazoo	Montmorency
Benzie	Kent	Oscoda
Charlevoix	Keweenaw	Ottawa
Cheboygan	Manistee	Roscommon
Crawford	Marquette	Van Buren
Dickinson	Missaukee	Wexford

Wisconsin: Florence, Forest, Iron and Vilas

## 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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