

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 4 Michigan Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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Indiana Counties of Elkhart & LaGrange Eligible as Contiguous Counties

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 Event: 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	Crawford	Otsego
Branch	Kalamazoo	Van Buren
Calhoun	Kalkaska	Wexford
Cass	Manistee	

Charlevoix	Missaukee		
Indiana:			
Elkhart		LaGrange	

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> can help you determine program or loan options. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local <u>USDA Service Center</u>.

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