

USDA Designates 12 Pennsylvania Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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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: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 1: Drought that occurred during April 7 through October 3, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Berks, Bucks and Montgomery

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill

New Jersey: Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer and Warren

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought that occurred during June 1 through August 31, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Bradford and Sullivan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Columbia, Luzerne, Lycoming, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming

New York: Chemung and Tioga

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 3: Drought that occurred during June 1 through September 15, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Lycoming

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Bradford, Clinton, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga and Union

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 4: Drought that occurred during June 10 and August 31, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Northumberland

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Columbia, Dauphin, Juniata, Lycoming, Montour, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder and Union

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 5: Drought that occurred during July 1 through October 1, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Lackawanna and Wayne

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna and Wyoming

New York: Broome, Delaware and Sullivan

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 6: Drought that occurred during July 1 through September 20, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Columbia and Montour

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Luzerne, Lycoming, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Sullivan

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania

Triggering Disaster 7: Drought that occurred during July 1 through September 30, 2022

Application Deadline: Aug. 21, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible: Cumberland

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Pennsylvania: Adams, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and York

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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