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## USDA Designates 16 New Jersey Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

**Emergency Designation | February 09, 2023**

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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:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster #1:** Drought and excessive heat that occurred during July 1 through August 19, 2022

**Application Deadline:** Aug. 21, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Morris, Sussex and Warren

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Jersey:** Essex, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset and Union

**New York:** Orange

**Pennsylvania:** Bucks, Monroe, Northampton and Pike

**Impacted Area:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster #2:** Drought that occurred during July 1 through September 14, 2022

**Application Deadline:** Aug. 21, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Hunterdon and Somerset

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Jersey:** Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Union and Warren

**Pennsylvania:** Bucks

**Impacted Area:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster #3:** Drought and excessive heat that occurred during June 18 through September 5, 2022

**Application Deadline:** Aug. 21, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Burlington, Camden and Ocean

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Jersey:** Atlantic, Gloucester, Mercer and Monmouth

**Pennsylvania:** Bucks and Philadelphia

**Impacted Area:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster #4:** Drought and excessive heat that occurred during July 1, 2022, and continuing

**Application Deadline:** Aug. 21, 2023

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Salem

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**New Jersey:** Burlington, Camden, Hunterdon, Ocean, Somerset and Union

**Delaware:** Kent and New Castle

**New York:** Richmond

**Pennsylvania:** Bucks, Delaware and Philadelphia

**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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