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## 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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