



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates Eight New Hampshire Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Freeze

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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 to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

FSA also offers the Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) program for producers who currently have an FSA direct loan, have been impacted by the eligible natural disaster event and are concerned about making scheduled loan payments. For information on setting aside your next FSA loan payment through the DSA program, contact the Merrimack-Belknap-Hillsborough County USDA Service Center at 603-223-6003 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Triggering Disaster 1: Freeze

Impacted Area: New Hampshire

Application Deadline: March 25, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible (New Hampshire): Belknap, Cheshire, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Maine: York, Essex

Massachusetts: Franklin, Middlesex, Worcester

New Hampshire: Carroll, Coos

Vermont: Caledonia, Essex, Orange, Windham, Windsor

Triggering Disaster 2: Freeze

Impacted Area: Vermont

Triggering Disaster: Freeze

Application Deadline: March 21, 2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Massachusetts: Berkshire, Franklin

New Hampshire: Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Sullivan

New York: Clinton, Essex, Rensselaer, Washington

More Resources

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance 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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