

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Emergency Management Agency Designates New Jersey Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas

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Hamilton Square, NJ, July 28, 2023 – This Presidential disaster declaration 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.

Triggering Disaster: Severe Storms and Flooding

Designation Number: M4723

Incident Period: 07/09/2023 – 07/10/2023

Application Deadline: 03/22/2024

Primary State / Counties: New York- Clinton, Dutchess, Essex, Hamilton, Ontario, Orange, Putman,

Rockland

NJ Contiguous Counties: Bergen, Passaic, Sussex

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States: New York- Columbia, Franklin, Fulton, Herkimer, Livingston, Monroe, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Seneca, Steuben, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westchester, Yates

Connecticut- Fairfield, Litchfield

Massachusetts- Berkshire

Pennsylvania- Pike

Vermont- Addison, Chittenden, Grand Isle

More Resources On <u>farmers.gov</u>, the <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Loan Assistance 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 USDA Service Center.

FEMA offers different assistance programs for individual citizens, public groups including government agencies and private nonprofit organizations. To find the FEMA help you need following a disaster event, visit fema.gov/assistance.

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