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## USDA Designates Four Pennsylvania Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Frost and Freeze, Primary Counties Located in New Jersey

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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.

**Impacted Area:** New Jersey

**Triggering Disaster:** Frost and Freeze

**Application Deadline:** 8/12/2024

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

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:** Essex, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset, Union

**New York:** Orange

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

### **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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