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USDA Designates 4 South Carolina Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Freeze and Frost in March

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11 Contiguous Counties in South Carolina Also Eligible for Assistance

These Secretarial natural disaster designations allow 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: South Carolina

Triggering Disaster 1: Frost and Freeze

Application Deadline: 3/21/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: Chester, Edgefield and Saluda

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Carolina: Aiken, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Union and York

Georgia: Columbia and Richmond

Triggering Disaster 2: Freeze

Application Deadline: 3/21/2024

Primary Counties Eligible: York

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

South Carolina: Cherokee, Chester, Lancaster and Union

North Carolina: Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg

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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