

# Stakeholder Notification

## USDA Designates Four Michigan Counties Natural Disaster Areas Due to 2025 Drought/Excessive Heat, and Frost/Freeze

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.

### **Triggering Disaster #1**

**Impacted Area:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought: (12/3/2024-12/31/2025)

**Application Deadline:** October 13, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **State:** Kent and Midland Counties

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **State:** Allegan, Barry, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Saginaw

**Designation Number:** S6137

**Approval Date:** February 13, 2026

### **Triggering Disaster #2**

**Impacted Area:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster:** Frost and Freeze: (5/8/2025-5/10/2025)

**Application Deadline:** October 13, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **State:** Allegan and Kent Counties

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **State:** Barry, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Van Buren

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### **Triggering Disaster #3**

**Impacted Area:** Michigan

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought and Excessive Heat: (5/13/2025-8/22/2025)

**Application Deadline:** October 13, 2026

#### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **State:** Allegan and Kent Counties

#### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **State:** Barry, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Van Buren

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### **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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