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Area Fruit Growers Eligible For Assistance

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Monroe And Pike Counties - Fruit growers in Monroe and Pike counties are among those eligible for federal disaster assistance following the devastating late-April freeze that caused an estimated \$150 million to \$200 million in agricultural losses across Pennsylvania.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has expanded disaster designations to 48 additional Pennsylvania counties, bringing the total number of counties eligible for low-interest federal disaster recovery loans to 58. The designation also streamlines certain paperwork requirements for eligible apple growers with USDA crop insurance.

The freeze severely damaged apples, peaches, grapes, cherries, strawberries, and other fruit crops across the state, with some crops lost entirely.

Pennsylvania also has \$10 million available through the Pennsylvania Fruit Grower Freeze Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants program to help growers recover from the losses.

Growers are encouraged to continue documenting and reporting freeze damage to their local USDA Farm Service Agency and to explore both federal and state assistance programs.

Federal disaster assistance information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/disaster-assistance-programs>

Pennsylvania fruit grower freeze grant information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-events/news/05-15-2026/usda-offers-disaster-assistance-agricultural-producers-pennsylvania>

USDA Farm Service Agency information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

Information on supporting Pennsylvania farms and buying locally grown fruit: <https://www.papreferred.com/>



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Celebrating Friendship at the AARP Picnic

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Senator Rosemary Brown stands smiling with two constituents at the annual AARP Pocono Chapter 633 Picnic in East Stroudsburg.

Lots of friendship and community spirit on display at the annual AARP Pocono Chapter 633 Picnic in East Stroudsburg! Mariclaire from my office joined me with plenty of helpful information and resources to share. Always wonderful spending time with our local seniors!