

NEWS STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND
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Senator Strom Thurmond has been notified that disaster loans by the Farmer's Home Administration are now officially available to farmers and orchardists whose crops were damaged in last week-end's freeze.

F.H.A. in Washington notified Senator Thurmond that State Director L. M. Belk, Jr. had completed his survey of the damage suffered. No additional declaration of the Secretary of Agriculture is necessary because South Carolina had been designated as a disaster area as a result of the 1954 drought.

Loans from F.H.A. will be primarily for operating expenses, such as cost of seed, feed, fertilizer, etc. Such credit is extended when loans are not available from private lending agencies. All type crops are covered -- fruits, vegetables, grain, cotton, etc. Applications should be made through local County offices, Senator Thurmond pointed out.