



## USDA Designates Pennsylvania as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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Pennsylvania

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.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

**Impacted Area:** West Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** 5/5/2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Boone, Brooke, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Ohio, Pleasants, Taylor, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Kentucky:** Boyd, Lawrence, Martin

**Ohio:** Belmont, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe, Washington

**Pennsylvania:** Green, Washington

**West Virginia:** Barbour, Cabell, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Kanawha, Lincoln, Mingo, Monongalia, Preston, Raleigh, Ritchie, Wood, Wyoming

### **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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