USDA Designates 5 Ohio Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

Emergency Designation | Indiana | October 25, 2024

Allen, DeKalb and Steuben Counties in Indiana Eligible as Contiguous Counties

Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, OCT. 25, 2024 - 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: Ohio

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 06/16/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas and Williams

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Ohio: Hancock, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam and Wood

Indiana: Allen, DeKalb and Steuben

Michigan: Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe

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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