



## **USDA Designates Eighteen Maryland Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought; Additional Contiguous Disaster Counties also located in Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia**

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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.

#### **Disaster #1:**

**Impacted Area:** Maryland

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester in Maryland.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Washington, Baltimore

**Delaware:** Kent, New Castle, Sussex

**D.C.:** District of Columbia

**Pennsylvania:** Bedford, Chester, Fayette, Fulton, Lancaster, Somerset, York

**Virginia:** Accomack, Fairfax, King George, Prince William, Stafford, Westmoreland, Alexandria

**West Virginia:** Grant, Hampshire, Mineral, Morgan, Preston

**Disaster #2:**

**Impacted Area:** Maryland

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Accomack, Caroline, Essex, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties in Virginia.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Charles, St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester

**Virginia:** Gloucester, Hanover, James City, Mathews, New Kent, Northampton, Spotsylvania, Stafford

**Disaster #3:**

**Impacted Area:** Maryland

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** December 2, 2025

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Carroll County

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Baltimore, Frederick, Howard

**Pennsylvania:** Adams and York

### 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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