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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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