



USDA Designates 3 Maryland Counties as Natural Disaster Areas - 6 Contiguous Pennsylvania Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

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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 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: Maryland

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 02/02/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Maryland:** Frederick, Harford

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Maryland:** Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington
- **Pennsylvania:** Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, York
- **Virginia:** Loudoun

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Maryland

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)

Application Deadline: 02/02/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Maryland:** Washington

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Maryland:** Allegany, Frederick
- **Pennsylvania:** Franklin, Fulton
- **Virginia:** Loudoun
- **West Virginia:** Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan

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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