



## USDA Designates three Maryland Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas for Drought; Additional Contiguous Disaster Counties also located in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

**Emergency Designation | Maryland | July 03, 2025**

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:** February 2, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Frederick, Harford

### **Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Washington

**Pennsylvania:** Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, York

**Virginia:** Loudon

### **Disaster #2:**

**Impacted Area:** Maryland

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** February 2, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Washington

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Allegany, Frederick

**Pennsylvania:** Franklin, Fulton

**Virginia:** Loudoun

**West Virginia:** Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan

**Disaster #3:**

**Impacted Area:** Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** February 2, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Fairfax, Loudoun

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington

**Virginia:** Clarke, Fauquier, Prince William

**West Virginia:** Jefferson

**Disaster #4:**

**Impacted Area:** Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought

**Application Deadline:** February 2, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:** Fauquier, Prince William

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

**Maryland:** Charles

**Virginia:** Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Loudoun, Rappahannock, Stafford, Warren, Manassas, Manassas Park

### **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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