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## **USDA Designates 11 West Virginia Counties as Natural Disaster Areas - 3 Contiguous Pennsylvania Counties Also Eligible for Assistance**

### **Emergency Designation | Pennsylvania | December 04, 2025**

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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.

**Impacted Area:** West Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought (Fast-Track)

**Application Deadline:** 06/01/2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

- **West Virginia:** Clay, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Marshall, Mineral, Ohio, Preston, Tucker, Tyler, Wetzel

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- **Maryland:** Allegany, Garrett
- **Ohio:** Belmont, Jefferson, Monroe, Washington
- **Pennsylvania:** Fayette, Greene, Washington

- **Virginia:** Fredrick, Rockingham, Shenandoah
- **West Virginia:** Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Harrison, Kanawha, Marion, Monongalia, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor

## More Resources

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