



USDA Designates 8 PA Counties as Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought as 1 Contiguous County in Ohio are Eligible Emergency Designation | Ohio | February 03, 2026

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. The FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Impacted Area: Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia

Triggering Disaster: Drought.

Application Deadline: May 26, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- Pennsylvania: Beaver and Washington Counties.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Ohio: Columbiana County.
- Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, and Westmoreland Counties.
- West Virginia: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Ohio Counties.

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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