



## USDA Designates 24 WV Counties as Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought as 2 Contiguous Counties 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:** West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought.

**Application Deadline:** May 26, 2026

### **Primary Counties Eligible:**

- West Virginia: Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Hancock, Lewis, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur and Webster Counties.

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

- Ohio: Columbiana, and Jefferson Counties.
- Pennsylvania: Beaver and Washington Counties.
- Virginia: Bath and Highland Counties.
- West Virginia: Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Harrison, Kanawha, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Taylor and Tucker 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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