



## USDA Designates 23 Ohio Counties as Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought

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:** Ohio

**Triggering Disaster:** Drought.

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2026

**Primary Counties Eligible:**

- Ohio: Belmont, Hancock, Henry, Monroe, Putnam, and Wood counties.

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

- Ohio: Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Guernsey, Hardin, Harrison, Jefferson, Lucas, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Washington, Williams, and Wyandot counties.
- West Virginia: Marshall, Ohio, Tyler and Wetzel 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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