



USDA Designates 28 WV Counties as Natural Disaster Areas due to Drought, 4 Contiguous Counties in Ohio also Eligible

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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

Triggering Disaster: Drought.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

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

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- Maryland: Alleghany and Garrett Counties.
- Ohio: Belmont, Jefferson, Monroe, and Washington counties.
- Pennsylvania: Fayette, Greene, and Washington counties.
- Virginia: Frederick, Rockingham and Shenandoah counties.
- West Virginia: Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Harrison, Kanawha, Marion, Monongalia, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane and Taylor 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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