



USDA Designates Several New York Counties as Natural Disaster Areas **Emergency Designation | New York | March 10, 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. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

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.

Triggering Disaster #1

Impacted Area: New York, Vermont

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 8/31/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **New York:** Essex

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **New York:** Clinton, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, Washington
- **Vermont:** Addison, Chittenden

Triggering Disaster #2

Impacted Area: Vermont, New Hampshire, New York

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 8/31/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Vermont:** Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **New Hampshire:** Coos, Grafton, Clinton
- **New York:** Clinton, Essex
- **Vermont:** Addison, Caledonia, Grand Isle, Washington

Triggering Disaster #3

Impacted Area: Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York

Triggering Disaster: Drought and Heat

Application Deadline: 9/29/2026

Primary Counties Eligible:

- **Vermont:** Bennington, Grand Isle, Windham

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Massachusetts:** Berkshire, Franklin
- **New Hampshire:** Cheshire, Sullivan

- **New York:** Clinton, Rensselaer, Washington

- **Vermont:** Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland, Windsor

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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