

USDA Designates 5 North Carolina Counties as Primary Disaster Areas Due to July Droughts

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The following Secretarial Disaster Designations 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 county 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.

Secretarial Disaster Designation

Impacted Area: North Carolina

Triggering Disaster: Drought occurring July 9, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: March 24, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Forsyth, Robeson, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **North Carolina:** Alleghany, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Hoke, Iredell, Rockingham, Scotland, and Wilkes
- **South Carolina:** Dillon, Horry, and Marlboro
- **Virginia:** Carroll, Grayson, Henry, and Patrick

Secretarial Disaster Designation

Impacted Area: South Carolina

Triggering Disaster: Drought occurring July 9, 2024, and continuing.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Dillon

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **North Carolina:** Columbus and Robeson
- **South Carolina:** Florence, Horry, Marion, and Marlboro

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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