



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Designates 4 Kentucky Counties as Contiguous Natural Disaster Areas for Drought

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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. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), the primary counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Disaster 1

Impacted Area: Ohio.

Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast Track) that began on 9/10/2024.

Application Deadline: 5/16/2025.

Primary Counties Eligible: Lawrence, Licking.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Kentucky: Boyd, Greenup.

Ohio: Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Jackson, Knox, Muskingum, Perry, Scioto.

West Virginia: Cabell, Wayne.

Disaster 2

Impacted Area: West Virginia.

Triggering Disaster 2: Drought (Fast Track) that began on 9/10/2024.

Application Deadline: 5/16/2025.

Primary Counties Eligible: Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wyoming.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Kentucky: Martin, Pike.

Virginia: Buchanan, Giles.

West Virginia: Boone, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Wayne.

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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