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USDA Designates 3 Delaware Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought and Excessive Heat

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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.

Impacted Area: Delaware

Triggering Disaster: Drought and Excessive Heat

Application Deadline: 05/27/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Kent, New Castle, and Sussex

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Maryland: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Wicomico

New Jersey: Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem

Pennsylvania: Chester, Delaware

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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