



USDA Designates 33 Virginia Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas Due to Drought

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Counties in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia also eligible for assistance

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.

Impacted Area: Virginia

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: June 3, 2025

Primary Counties Eligible:

Virginia:

Albemarle	Floyd	Pittsylvania
Alleghany	Franklin	Pulaski
Augusta	Giles	Roanoke
Bath	Grayson	Russell

Bedford	Greene	Scott
Bland	Lee	Smyth
Botetourt	Madison	Tazewell
Buchanan	Montgomery	Washington
Carroll	Nelson	Wise
Craig	Page	Wythe
Dickerson	Patrick	

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Virginia:

Amherst	Henry	Warren	Lynchburg
Appomattox	Highland	Bristol	Norton
Buckingham	Louisa	Charlottesville	Radford
Campbell	Orange	Covington	Roanoke
Culpeper	Rappahannock	Danville	Salem
Fluvanna	Rockbridge	Galax	Staunton
Halifax	Shenandoah	Harrisonburg	Waynesboro

Kentucky: Bell, Harlan, Letcher and Pike Counties

North Carolina: Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry

Tennessee: Claiborne, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, and Sullivan

West Virginia: Greenbrier, Hardy, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Pendleton, Pocahontas and Summers

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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