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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: Maryland

Triggering Disaster: Drought and Excessive Heat that occurred 6/22/2024 through 10/22/2024.

Application Deadline: 9/15/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Prince George's, St. Mary's.

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

Delaware: Sussex.

District of Columbia: District of Columbia.

Maryland: Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Baltimore.

Pennsylvania: Lancaster, York.

Virginia: Fairfax, King George, Prince William, Stafford, Westmoreland, Alexandria.

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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