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USDA Designates 17 Maryland Counties as Natural Disaster Areas - 7 Contiguous Pennsylvania Counties Also Eligible for Assistance

Emergency Designation | Pennsylvania | March 27, 2025

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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](#), 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: Maryland

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: 11/25/2025

Primary Counties Eligible: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

- **Delaware:** Kent, New Castle, Sussex
- **District of Columbia:** District of Columbia
- **Pennsylvania:** Bedford, Chester, Fayette, Fulton, Lancaster, Somerset, York

- **Virginia:** Accomack, Fairfax, King George, Prince William, Stafford, Westmoreland, Alexandria
- **West Virginia:** Grant, Hampshire, Mineral, Morgan, Preston

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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