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## **USDA Designates Washington County, Maryland, as a Primary Natural Disaster Area**

**Emergency Designation | January 21, 2022**

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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 the refinance of 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 from May 5 through Sept. 30, 2021.

**Application Deadline:** Sept.19, 2022

**Primary County Eligible:** Washington

**Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:**

Maryland: Allegany and Frederick

Pennsylvania: Franklin and Fulton

Virginia: Loudoun

West Virginia: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan

**More Resources**

On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery 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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