



Office of the Under Secretary
for Farm Production and Conservation
Washington, D.C. 20250

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THE HONORABLE ABIGAIL SPANBERGER
Governor
State of Virginia
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 22318

Dear Governor Spanberger:

Per 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 46 Virginia counties as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought. I am responding on behalf of the Department.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (see <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), 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.

Per section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your State and adjacent States are named as contiguous disaster counties. Enclosed you will find documentation that provides a detailed list of all primary and contiguous counties impacted by this disaster.

Other counties in Virginia may have already been designated as natural disaster counties if they had previously met the requirements found under 7 CFR 759.5(a) for the current crop year.

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have 8 months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact FPAC.BC.Congressional@usda.gov, reference disaster designation number 2026N00000963.

Sincerely,

Brooke S. Appleton
Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure
cc: Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture

DISASTER DESIGNATION AREAS FOR VIRGINIA AND A CONTIGUOUS STATES

Primary Counties:

Virginia	(46)		
Accomack	Fauquier	Louisa	Prince William
Alleghany	Floyd	Madison	Pulaski
Amelia	Giles	Mathews	Rappahannock
Bath	Gloucester	Middlesex	Richmond
Bland	Goochland	Montgomery	Roanoke
Botetourt	Greene	Northampton	Rockbridge
Caroline	Hanover	Northumberland	Rockingham
Craig	Highland	Nottoway	Russell
Culpeper	King and Queen	Orange	Spotsylvania
Dinwiddie	King George	Page	Stafford
Essex	King William	Powhatan	Westmoreland
Fairfax	Lancaster		

Contiguous Counties:

Virginia	(49)	
Albemarle	Loudoun	York
Amherst	Lunenburg	Alexandria
Arlington	Nelson	Buena Vista
Augusta	New Kent	Covington
Bedford	Patrick	Fairfax
Brunswick	Prince Edward	Falls Church
Buchanan	Prince George	Fredericksburg
Carroll	Scott	Harrisonburg
Chesterfield	Shenandoah	Lexington
Clarke	Smyth	Manassas
Cumberland	Sussex	Manassas Park
Dickenson	Tazewell	Petersburg
Fluvanna	Warren	Radford
Franklin	Washington	Roanoke
Greensville	Wise	Salem
Henrico	Wythe	Virginia Beach
James City		

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States :

Maryland	(6)		
Charles	Prince George's	Somerset	
Montgomery	St. Mary's	Worcester	
West Virginia	(7)		
Greenbrier	Mercer	Pendleton	Summers
Hardy	Monroe	Pocahontas	