



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

July 8, 2026

THE HONORABLE PATRICK MORRISEY
Governor
State of West Virginia
1900 Kanawha Street
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Morrisey:

Per 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 13 West 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.

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 2026N00000420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Fordyce", is written over a light blue horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard Fordyce
Under Secretary

Enclosure
cc: Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture

DISASTER DESIGNATION AREAS FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

Primary Counties:

West Virginia	(13)			
Grant	McDowell	Monroe	Randolph	Tucker
Hampshire	Mercer	Pendleton	Summers	Wyoming
Hardy	Mineral	Raleigh		

Contiguous Counties:

West Virginia	(12)		
Barbour	Kanawha	Pocahontas	
Boone	Logan	Preston	
Fayette	Mingo	Upshur	
Greenbrier	Morgan	Webster	

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

Maryland	(2)		
Allegany	Garrett		
Virginia	(11)		
Alleghany	Buchanan	Giles	Shenandoah
Augusta	Craig	Highland	Tazewell
Bland	Frederick	Rockingham	