



*Secretary Brooke L. Rollins*

Washington, D.C. 20250

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THE HONORABLE WES MOORE  
*Governor*  
*State of Maryland*  
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*Annapolis, MD 21401*

Dear Governor Moore:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 2026, requesting a primary county disaster designation for counties in Maryland, due to damage and losses caused by a frost and freeze event that occurred on April 21, 2026.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reviewed the loss assessment reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation; therefore, I am designating 12 counties as primary natural disaster areas. In accordance with 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. At this time, USDA is unable to make a complete and accurate determination of production losses for six counties; therefore, a decision to designate those counties as primary disaster areas will be deferred. The six counties are Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Kent, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties. The Department will make a determination on those counties for a primary county natural disaster designation at a later date.

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](mailto:FPAC.BC.Congressional@usda.gov), reference disaster designation number 2026N00000438.

Sincerely,

Brooke L. Rollins  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Enclosure

DISASTER DESIGNATION AREAS FOR MARYLAND AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

**Primary Counties:**

<b>Maryland</b>	<b>(12)</b>		
Baltimore	Dorchester	Queen Anne's	
Caroline	Frederick	Somerset	
Carroll	Howard	Washington	
Cecil	Montgomery	Wicomico	

**Contiguous Counties:**

<b>Maryland</b>	<b>(8)</b>			
Allegany	Harford	Prince George's	Worcester	
Anne Arundel	Kent	Talbot	Baltimore	

**Contiguous Areas in Adjacent States:**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>(3)</b>		
Kent	New Castle	Sussex	

<b>DC</b>	<b>(1)</b>		
District of Columbia			

<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>(6)</b>		
Adams	Franklin	Lancaster	
Chester	Fulton	York	

<b>Virginia</b>	<b>(4)</b>		
Accomack	Arlington	Fairfax	Loudoun

<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>(3)</b>		
Berkeley	Jefferson	Morgan	