



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

April 6, 2026

THE HONORABLE SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
Governor
State of Arkansas
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Sanders:

Per 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating 67 Arkansas 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BSA", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Brooke S. Appleton
Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure
cc: Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture

Primary Counties:

Arkansas	(67)		
Arkansas	Cross	Lawrence	Prairie
Ashley	Dallas	Lee	Pulaski
Baxter	Desha	Lincoln	Randolph
Benton	Drew	Little River	St. Francis
Boone	Faulkner	Lonoke	Saline
Bradley	Fulton	Marion	Scott
Calhoun	Garland	Mississippi	Searcy
Carroll	Grant	Monroe	Sevier
Chicot	Greene	Montgomery	Sharp
Clark	Hempstead	Newton	Stone
Clay	Hot Spring	Ouachita	Union
Cleburne	Howard	Perry	Van Buren
Cleveland	Independence	Phillips	Washington
Columbia	Izard	Pike	White
Conway	Jackson	Poinsett	Woodruff
Craighead	Jefferson	Polk	Yell
Crittenden	Johnson	Pope	

Contiguous Counties:

Arkansas	(8)		
Crawford	Lafayette	Madison	Nevada
Franklin	Logan	Miller	Sebastian

Contiguous Counties in Adjacent States:

Louisiana	(6)		
Claiborne	Morehouse	Webster	
East Carroll	Union	West Carroll	
Mississippi	(6)		
Bolivar	DeSoto	Tunica	
Coahoma	Issaquena	Washington	
Missouri	(11)		
Barry	Howell	Ozark	Stone
Butler	McDonald	Pemiscot	Taney
Dunklin	Oregon	Ripley	

Oklahoma	(4)			
Adair	Delaware	Le Flore	McCurtain	
Tennessee	(4)			
Dyer	Lauderdale	Shelby	Tipton	
Texas	(1)			
Bowie				