

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY
DISASTER PROGRAM
INFORMATION



APPLICABLE PROGRAMS

- Emergency Loan Program
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)- Honey
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)- Livestock
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

DISASTER PROGRAM “TRIGGERS”

- The U.S. Drought Monitor
- STORM- Systematic Tracking for Optimal Risk Management
- LARs- Loss Assessment Reports

THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR

U.S. Drought Monitor Massachusetts

September 27, 2016
(Released Thursday, Sep. 29, 2016)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

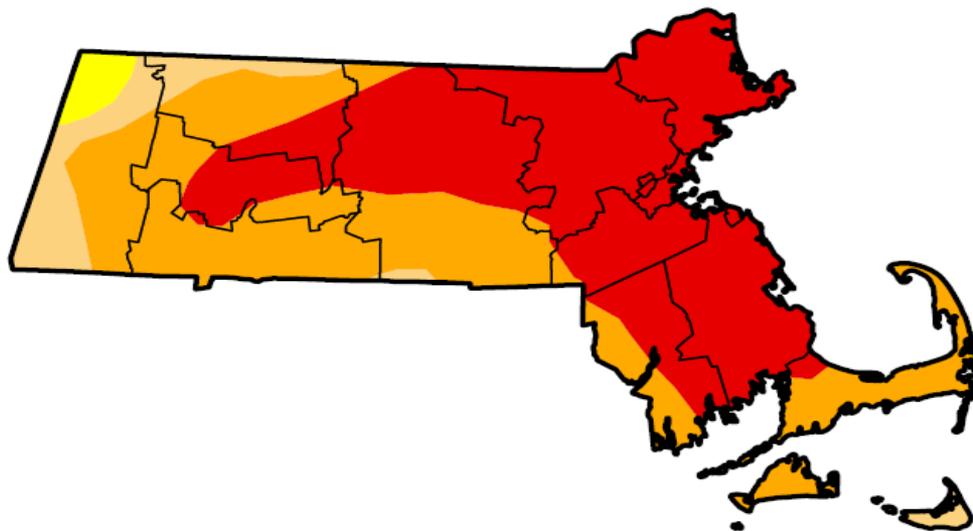
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	98.15	89.95	52.13	0.00
Last Week <i>9/20/2016</i>	0.00	100.00	98.15	89.95	52.13	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>6/28/2016</i>	3.60	96.40	38.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/29/2015</i>	22.85	77.15	26.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	12.90	87.10	30.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>9/29/2015</i>	12.90	87.10	30.43	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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LOSS ASSESSMENT REPORTS

LAR:34541

Loss Assessment Report

Disaster Information

State: Massachusetts **County:** Franklin **Start Date:** 02/05/2016 **End Date:** 02/14/2016 **Crop Year:** 2016

Area of County Affected: ALL **Number of Farms Affected:** 20 **Number of Farms With Physical Damage:** 0
Owner-Operators **Farmers with** **Farmers Unable** **Extenuating**
Tenant-Operators: 0 **Qualifying Loss: 0** **to Obtain Credit: 0** **Circumstances:**

Comments: An unseasonably warm early February followed by temperatures as low as minus fifteen degrees has put the 2016 apple, pear, and plum crops in peril. These crops never went into full winter hibernation because of the warm weather. This left them vulnerable to the excessively low overnight temperatures that followed.

Disaster Type(s): Freeze

Commodity Information

Crop Information	Unit of Measure	Normal Yield	Actual Planted Acres	Prevented Acres	Destroyed Acres	Damaged Acres	Damaged Yield
Type: APPLES Variety: COMMON Use: FH Growth: N/A Planting: 01	Bushels	238.00	300.0	0.0	0.0	300.0	143.00
Average Price	Production Loss	Dollar Loss	Percent Loss	Meets 30% Loss			
16.56	28,500.0	471,960.00	40.0	Yes			

SECRETARIAL DISASTER DESIGNATIONS

PER HANDBOOK 1-DIS, PAR. 31

- County Emergency Boards (CEBs) meet to discuss Drought Monitor, STORM, and LAR reports.
- Recommendations from CEBs are sent to the State Emergency Board (SEB) which includes FSA, NRCS, and RD.
- If SEB concurs, the SED prepares a memorandum to the National FSA Office
- Following National concurrence, maps of primary and contiguous Counties are created and a final response is sent to the Governor of the disaster designation.



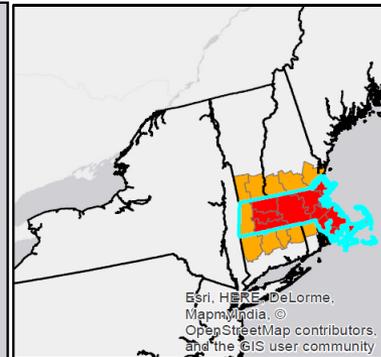
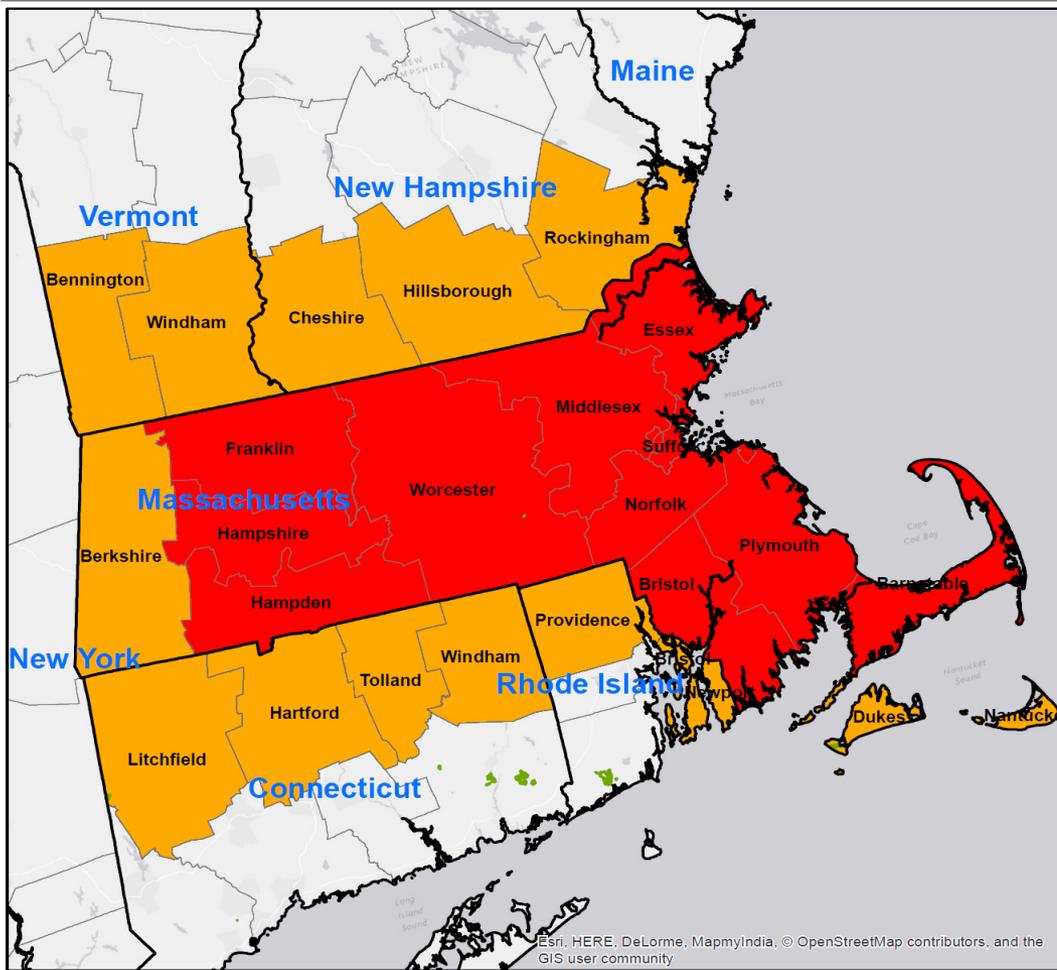
FAST TRACK DESIGNATIONS

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- This is an expedited process for USDA's Secretarial disaster designation in severe drought situations.
- The designation is initiated and completed at the National Office. Approval is based on drought intensity.
- D2 (severe drought) for at least 8 consecutive weeks, D3 (extreme drought), or D4 (exceptional drought)

SECRETARIAL DISASTER DESIGNATION MAP

2016 Fast Track Drought - MA



Designations

- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Tribal Lands
- Primary Counties: 11
- Contiguous Counties: 15



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WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

- Eligibility for some Disaster Programs is dependent on qualifying crop losses and Secretarial Designations.
- Eligibility for others, is determined by a County's location and their U.S. Drought Monitor rating.
- Eligibility for others is tied to weather related livestock deaths.
- While others is tied to weather related tree, bush, and vine deaths.
- *Let's look at these programs individually*

EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

Fast Facts:

- Used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with disaster, pay essential family living expenses, reorganize the farming operation, refinance certain debts.
- Borrowers must keep acceptable records-reviewed by Farm Loan staff
- Collateralized loans
- Borrowers can borrow up to 100% of the production or physical loss.
- \$500,000 maximum loan amount.
- Loan terms up to 20 years.
- Loan applications must be received within 8 months of the disaster designation date.

LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM (LFP)

Fast Facts:

- Administered by fiscal year
- Signup ends Jan. 30, 2017
- County eligibility and payments are based on their US Drought Monitor rating
- Grazing land only.
- Commercial producers only
- Livestock must have been owned for 60 days prior to beginning date of the qualifying drought.
- Losses related to drought and/or fire

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

Fast Facts:

- For livestock deaths related to eligible adverse weather events, eligible disease, eligible animal attacks.
- Factored payment-75% of the established market value of livestock.
- Payment calculations consider normal mortality of livestock.
- Documentation of livestock loss is required.
- Livestock deaths must have occurred no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event.
- Commercial operations only.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

Fast Facts:

- Counties are authorized and approved by FSA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs
- This is a Cost-share program
- Limited Resource provisions are applicable.
- Used to repair/rehabilitate conservation projects.
- For debris removal, Grading/shaping, Restoring livestock fence, Providing livestock water during periods of severe drought and irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards only.
- Technical assistance provided by NRCS
- Enrollment periods established by FSA County Committees

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

Fast Facts:

- Provides a financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops to protect against natural disasters.
- Coverage periods depend on the crop.
- Multiple coverage options have recently been added.
- Payments limited to \$125,000/year.
- Crop losses must be caused by natural disaster.
- Applications for Coverage must be filed within established sign-up periods.
- Premium payment options have been improved to make them more affordable.
- Underserved, Beginning Farmer, Limited Resource provisions

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEYBEES AND FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM (ELAP)- HONEY

Fast Facts:

- Administered by fiscal year- **signup ends Nov. 1**
- Authorized up to \$20 million in a fiscal year.
- Factored payments
- Qualifying loss= Normal mortality + 15 percent
- Domestic bees only
- Losses related to weather*
- Includes Colony Collapse Disorder
- Must be a Commercial producer
- 2016 fair market value for colonies= \$135

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEYBEES AND FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM (ELAP)- LIVESTOCK

Fast Facts:

- Administered by fiscal year- **signup ends Nov. 1**
- Authorized up to \$20 million in a fiscal year.
- Underserved, Beginning Farmer, Limited Resource provisions
- Factored payments
- Includes losses related to the cost of water transportation
- Includes losses related to feed loss
- Losses related to weather-all except drought and fire

TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

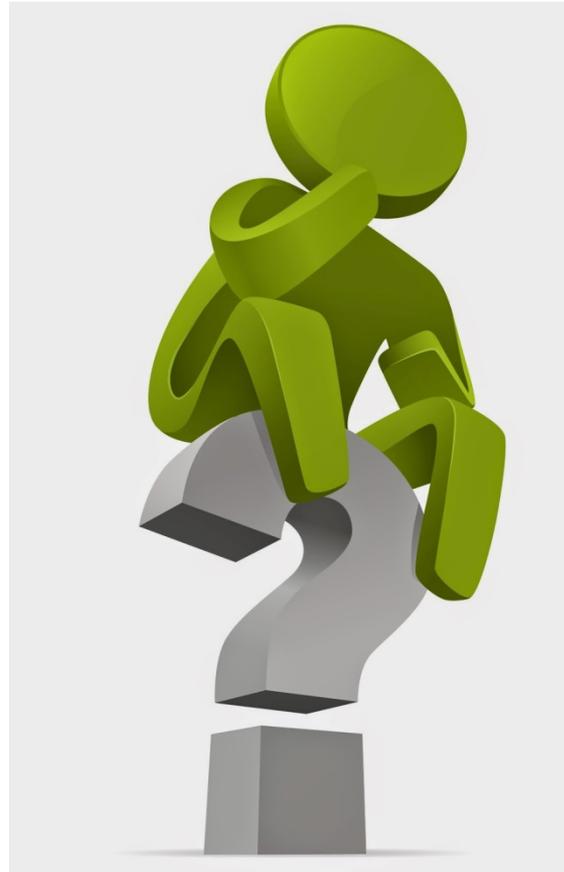
Fast Facts:

- Applications must be received within 90 days of the disaster event.
- Provides a financial assistance to orchardists and nursery tree growers.
- To replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines lost by natural disaster. Also includes cranberry vines
- Eligible trees, bushes and vines are those from which an annual crop is produced for commercial purposes*
- Payments calculated based on normal mortality + 15%.
- Payments limited to \$125,000/year
- Losses must not have been preventable through reasonable and available measures,
- Eligible trees, bushes and vines must be replaced within 12 months.



For more information, contact your county office. To find an FSA county office near you, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>

Information can also be obtained online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>



QUESTIONS??