Drought Relief Funding

Department of Agriculture

Governor DeWine signed into law Senate Bill 54 which allocates state funding to provide relief to Ohio farmers in counties severely impacted by historic drought.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will work with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to administer $10 million to 28 counties designated as primary natural disaster areas between August 19, 2024, and September 16, 2024.

Highlighted Ohio counties are eligible for drought funding

Application Process

- This program is available to any livestock producer with land enrolled in the USDA FSA Livestock Forage Disaster Program in a county designated as a primary natural disaster area by the USDA Secretary of Agriculture between August 19th and September 16th, 2024 due to drought.
- Farmers must fill out an application to apply.
- Sign-up period begins February 15, 2025 and closes April 1, 2025.
- Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District for more information.