



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

September 17, 2026

THE HONORABLE TONY EVERS
Governor
State of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Evers:

Per 7 CFR 759.5(a), I am designating five Wisconsin 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 eight 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 an adjacent State 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 2026N00002817.

Sincerely,

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

Brooke S. Appleton
Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure

DISASTER DESIGNATION AREAS FOR WISCONSIN AND A CONTIGUOUS STATE

Primary Counties:

Wisconsin	(5)	
Burnett	Pepin	Washburn
Douglas	Pierce	

Contiguous Counties:

Wisconsin	(9)	
Barron	Dunn	Rusk
Bayfield	Eau Claire	St. Croix
Buffalo	Polk	Sawyer

Contiguous Counties in an Adjacent State:

Minnesota	(8)		
Carlton	Dakota	Pine	Wabasha
Chisago	Goodhue	St. Louis	Washington