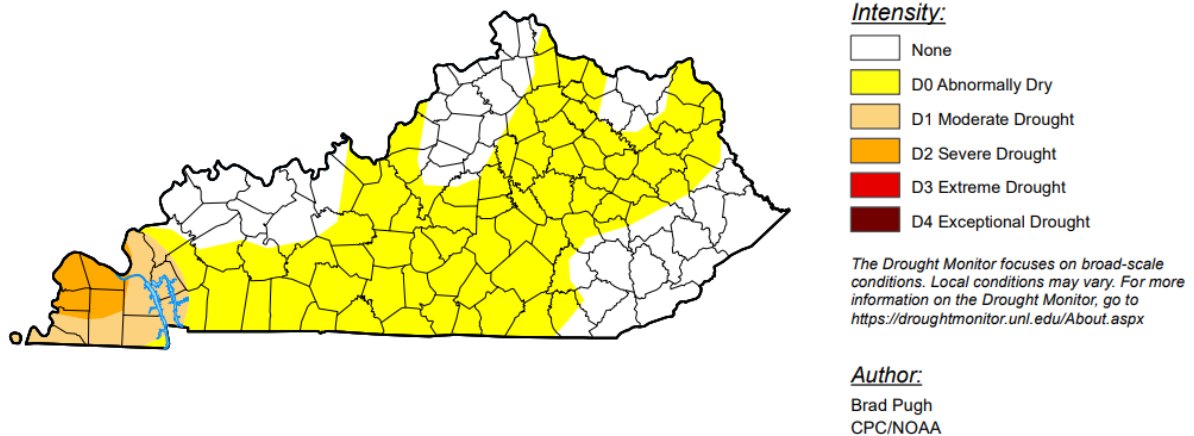


FSA uses the US drought monitor at the following address: <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KY> to determine areas that are eligible for disaster assistance.

This map is updated every Thursday. The map below is the most recent information for Kentucky.

U.S. Drought Monitor Kentucky

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Our Livestock Forage Program provides assistance for grazing losses from a qualifying drought. Per 1-LFP, Par 23A our handbook states the following our qualifying drought conditions:

Land physically located in a county that is, during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county, rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having any of the following:

- D2 (severe drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least 8 consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county
- D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county
- D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county for:
at least 4 weeks during the normal grazing period (nonconsecutive weeks) for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county or is rated as having a D4 (exceptional drought)

intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period for the specific grazing land or pastureland for the county

- D4 (exceptional drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least 4 weeks during the normal grazing period (nonconsecutive weeks) for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county.

Currently, Graves and Calloway counties have met a qualifying drought condition and are eligible for the Livestock Forage Program. Both counties have had producers participate in this program and received payments.

As far as the drought and its affect on crop yields, this would be addressed through a possible insurance claim through RMA resulting in a potential insurance indemnity. For specialty crops that are not covered under RMA, we have a Non-insurable Assistance Program that provides protection for those crops when they are damaged from a weather event. The producers that purchase NAP coverage are aware that they need to let their local offices know if they have experienced a weather event that could potentially affect their crop.