



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### **Amherst County Designated Drought Area by United States Department of Agriculture**

In November, 2023, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved Amherst County as a drought designation area. This decision allows the local agriculture community to apply for resources and assistance from the Farm Services Agency (FSA). For more information about available programs and the application process, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Ronald M. Howell, State Executive Director at the Virginia FSA State Office. He can be reached by email at [Ronald.Howell@usda.gov](mailto:Ronald.Howell@usda.gov) or by phone at (804) 287-1503.

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