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DROUGHT-SALE TAX FLAG · FOR YOUR TAX PREPARER · PRINTED 2026-11-15

Drought livestock sale: Watauga County, NC

Information only; not financial, tax or legal advice. Ask your tax preparer whether and how IRC §1033(e) or §451(g) applies. FSA decides program eligibility.

Taxpayer: _____ Preparer: _____

IRS drought lists for the applicable region (county + contiguous counties)

Region: Watauga County, NC; Ashe County, NC; Avery County, NC; Caldwell County, NC; Wilkes County, NC; Johnson County, TN. Source: Census county adjacency file.

12 months ending	IRS notice	Region counties listed
2026-08-31	Notice 2026-54 https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-26-54.pdf	Watauga County, NC, Ashe County, NC, Avery County, NC, Caldwell County, NC, Wilkes County, NC, Johnson County, TN
2025-08-31	Notice 2025-52 https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-25-52.pdf	none (drought-free per this list)
2027-08-31 (running, through 2026-11-15)	not yet published	no D2+ weeks in Cownty's Drought Monitor data so far

Notice 2006-82: a 4-year §1033(e) replacement period is extended until the end of the taxpayer's first tax year ending after the first drought-free year (12 months ending Aug 31 with no severe, extreme or exceptional drought anywhere in the region). Check the U.S. Drought Monitor archive: droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Maps/MapArchive.aspx

USDA disaster designations naming the county

Designation	Type	Hazard	Approved
S6203	Primary	Drought-FAST TRACK	2026-04-21
S6172	Contiguous	Drought-FAST TRACK	2026-04-10
S6177	Contiguous	Drought-FAST TRACK	2026-04-10

Sale numbers (entered by the producer)

Tax year of sale	
Head sold on account of drought	
Head usually sold in a year	
Excess head	
Average price per head	
Proceeds from excess head	
Basis per head	
Gain on excess head	

Only livestock held for draft, breeding or dairy; not poultry or slaughter animals; only the number sold in excess of usual business practice. Bring sale barn receipts, prior-years' sale counts, and the designation numbers above. Arithmetic only; Cownty computes no tax. Producer's own numbers; Cownty stores nothing from this page.