



Disaster Aid Programs for Farms

Natural Disasters

Following a natural disaster event, assistance may be needed to recover from damage to your farm property, livestock or crops. Disaster assistance for property damage, livestock and crop losses may be available.

Disaster Declaration Terms

Agricultural-related disaster designations may be of four types. The type and level of funding released for disaster aid programs is determined by these declarations, based on the severity and impact of an event.

- **Presidential Major Disaster Declaration:** Issued by the President, after request by the governor; puts into motion long-term federal recovery programs, some of which are matched by state programs, and designed to help disaster victims, businesses and public entities.
- **USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation:** Issued by the US Secretary of Agriculture, following request by the governor, governor's authorized representative, or by an Indian Tribal council leader. Allow various assistance programs for crop or livestock losses.
- **FSA Administrator Physical Loss Notification:** Requested of the FSA Administrator by an FSA State Executive Director; assistance for physical losses only (e.g., buildings, livestock).
- **Quarantine Designation:** Requested of the FSA Deputy Administrator for Far Programs by an FSA Executive Director; authorizes emergency loans for production and physical losses resulting from a quarantine.

To learn more about agricultural disaster declarations and designations process, go to http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/disaster09.pdf.

To find out what disaster declarations have been made for your area, go to <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>.

Farm Disaster Assistance: Federal

- **USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)**
 - ❑ Provides assistance to farmers and ranchers for natural disaster losses resulting from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornados, pest infestation and other events.
 - ❑ Several disaster assistance programs available. Contact your local Farm Service Agency for more information or go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.
 - ❑ **Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program:** Provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters, and covers non-insurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters.

- ❑ **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program:** Provides financial assistance for crop production and/or quality losses due to a natural disaster.
- ❑ **Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish:** Provides emergency relief to producers for losses from disasters or other conditions not adequately covered by any other disaster program.
- ❑ **Livestock Forage Disaster Program:** Provides financial assistance to producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.
- ❑ **Livestock Indemnity Program:** Provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths due to disaster.
- ❑ **Emergency Farm Loan Program:** Provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, floods, other natural disasters, or quarantine.
- ❑ **Emergency Conservation Program:** Provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, or other disasters.
- **USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA)**
 - ❑ Administers Federal crop insurance programs and provides risk management and education tools for producers. If you have crop insurance provided through the RMA, you can be reimbursed for unavoidable losses to your crops. To learn more see <http://www.rma.usda.gov/>.
- **DisasterAssistance.gov**
 - ❑ Comprehensive website that consolidates information about federally funded government assistance to disaster victims.
 - ❑ Applications for many assistance programs are available on the site www.disasterassistance.gov.

Disaster Assistance Resources: State

- To find agencies and disaster assistance programs in your State, go to http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State_and_Territories/Agencies_by_Topic.shtml.
- To find your State Department of Agriculture, go to <http://www.rma.usda.gov/other/stateag.html>.

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