
DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The Farm Service Agency would like to remind both crop and livestock producers and owners of nonindustrial private forest land that programs are available to assist with disaster related recovery. If your agricultural operation or nonindustrial private forest land has recently experienced severe damage from a storm, flooding, wind, or other natural disaster there may be a FSA program available to provide you with financial and/or technical assistance.

The key disaster programs include the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP); the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP); the Tree Assistance Program (TAP); the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP); the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP); and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program.

ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers to rehabilitate farmland (including fencing) damaged by natural disasters. EFRP provides funding to restore forestland damaged by natural disaster. TAP provides funding to replace fruit trees or bushes and Christmas trees damaged by natural disaster. LIP provides financial assistance for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster. ELAP provides financial assistance for livestock, honey bees and farm raised fish losses due to natural disaster. NAP provides financial assistance for crop losses due to natural disaster. SURE provides financial assistance for crop losses from quality or quantity deficiencies due to natural disasters.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform producers about types of records that will provide support for an application for FSA disaster assistance. If your farm is impacted by a natural disaster please consider maintaining the following types of supporting records:

- A calendar of events or a summary of events related to the natural disaster (e.g., dates when the disaster occurred, dates when the disaster impacted your operation, dates when you conducted activities to address the disaster).
Note: Activities might include the cleanup of debris after an ice storm, repair of fencing after a storm event installation of a well during a drought, hauling water to livestock during a drought, etc.;
- A description of the activities (location(s), construction, materials, labor time and costs, etc.);
- Map(s) indicating location of activity(ies) conducted;
- Receipts;
- The extent of farmland (acres) and/or number of livestock impacted; and
- Photographs.

Fact sheets for all of these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

We encourage all who have suffered a disaster due to the recent severe weather conditions to contact their local FSA county office as soon as possible. Merrimack, Belknap and Hillsborough County producers, please call 223-6003 or e-mail us at: MBHCOUNTYFSA@nh.usda.gov.