

Federal Emergency Programs



USDA Disaster Assistance programs

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Emergency Conservation Program

- ECP is a C/S program that provides C/S assistance to Farmers in order to rehabilitate farmland & conservation Structures damaged by
 - Wind & Water Erosion
 - Floods
 - Hurricanes
 - Other Natural Disasters
- Install water conservation measures during periods of Severe drought to supply emergency water for Livestock, Orchards & Vineyards.

Eligibility

- Must be an Agricultural producer who annually produces an agricultural commodity
- Must be land normally used for farming or ranching
- Located within a county that has been approved for ECP
- Loss must be of a sufficient magnitude that it would be too costly for the producer to rehabilitate without federal assistance.
- Must timely submit C/S requests within 60 days of when ECP funding is announced.

What ECP provides

- Provides 75% C/S assistance for any direct costs necessary for performing eligible practices including:
 - New & Used materials
 - Services
 - Labor
 - Equipment
 - Sales Tax
- ECP C/S provides up to 75% cost share of actual costs. With Total C/S approvals not exceeding 50% of the agricultural market value of the affected land.
- Total payments to an Individual or legal entity cannot exceed \$200,000 in a single fiscal year.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

- Provides C/S assistance in order to replace and renovate Stands of trees bushes or Vines used for the production of an annual product, which were damaged and destroyed as a result of Severe weather, Plant Disease & other adverse Natural occurrences.
- Stand: A contiguous acreage of the same type of trees bushes or vines.
 - For FSA purposes Type could be any variety of a given species that has a significantly different tolerance to the severe weather, plant disease or adverse natural occurrence which caused the loss.

Eligibility

- Must be a commercial orchardist. Who has planted, or has a production history for planted or existing trees, bushes, or vines located in the effected stand.
- Must have owned the effected stand at the time of the disaster
- The stand must have suffered a mortality event in excess of normal mortality
 - Peaches: 18%
 - Apples: 16%
 - Grapes: 16%
 - Maple Trees: 16%
- Must apply for assistance within 90 days of the disaster or when the disaster becomes apparent.

What TAP Provides

- The lesser of the DAFP-established payment rate or 65% C/S for:
 - Purchasing trees, Vines & bushes
 - Planting trees, Vines & Bushes
- The lesser of the DAFP-established payment rate or 50% C/S for:
 - Removing dead trees, Vines & Bushes
 - Preparing land for Planting
 - Pruning and costs associated with renovating damaged trees, Vines & Bushes

Livestock Forage Program LFP

- LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses because of qualifying drought or fire. For drought, the losses must have occurred because of a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted to a crop planted specifically for grazing for covered livestock.

Eligibility

- Must suffer a loss of grazing on native or improved pastureland due to Drought
- Grazing land must be physically located in a county that:
 - Has had a D2 rating for 8 consecutive weeks
 - Has had a D3 rating at any time during the normal grazing period.
- Grazing loss must be to Livestock maintained for a commercial purpose as part of the producer's farming operation.
- Must submit an application for payment no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year.

LFP Provides

- A monthly payment rate equal to 60 percent of the lesser of either:
 - The monthly feed cost for all covered livestock owned or leased by the eligible livestock producer.
 - The normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer.
- Not to exceed 5 months in a single calendar year.

Livestock Indemnity program (LIP)

- LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for eligible livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality that occurred in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event, including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and

Eligibility

- Must provide a notice of Loss within 30 days of when the loss of livestock was apparent.
- Must Suffer a loss in excess of Normal Mortality
 - Dairy Cattle Adult: 1.5%
 - Dairy Cattle Juvenile: 1.8%
 - Chickens Layers: 2.5%
- Must provide acceptable records documenting
 - Total number of livestock
 - Number lost
 - Cause of loss

LIP Provides

- A per head indemnity payment for animal losses above mortality.
- Payment rate/ animal lost:
 - Dairy Cow: \$1,353.75
 - Juvenile Dairy Cattle: \$338.44 - \$1,093.41
 - Chickens (layers): \$3.15
 - Swine: \$34.40-\$172.51

Emergency Livestock disaster Assistance Program ELAP

- ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses because of disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, including losses because of blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. :

Eligibility

- An eligible loss under ELAP is a loss that an eligible producer or contract grower of livestock, honeybees, or farm-raised fish incurs because of an eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition including, but not limited to, blizzards, disease and wildfires.
- Must submit a Notice of Loss:
 - 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent to the participant
 - November 1 after the end of the program year in which the loss occurred

ELAP Provides

- Payments for losses to eligible Livestock Honeybees or Farm Raised Fish
- Payments for additional feed or cost to transport water that was a result of the eligible adverse natural occurrence.