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USDA – Farm Service Agency News Disaster Assistance Available

The Farm Service Agency offers several disaster assistance programs to farmers and landowners, should we have damage from Hurricane Florence or other disasters in the future. Below is a summary of the programs offered. Please contact the Farm Service Agency for more details.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Offers protection from production losses, due to weather, on crops that are not insurable. To be eligible for assistance a producer must have applied for coverage and paid service fees prior to the sales closing date for the crop.

Filing a Loss:

- FSA must be notified within 72 hours of the loss being apparent and follow up with a written notice of loss within 15 days. Notify the FSA office as soon as possible even if past the deadline
- You will need to provide the crop, date of loss, amount of any harvested production, and cause of loss.
- Do not destroy the crop until an inspection is completed by a loss adjuster.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Offers cost share assistance for removing debris from farmland; grading, shaping, or releveling cropland; restoring permanent fences; and restoring conservation structures.

Filing for Assistance:

- A signup period will be announced in each county
- You will need to provide the follow information:
 - Type of damage
 - Extent of damage
 - Estimate of what is needed to repair

- Type of equipment, number of hours, materials, labor

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Provides financial assistance to livestock producers for livestock or poultry deaths due to a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance within 30 days of death
- You will need to provide the following information:
 - Type of Livestock
 - Total beginning and ending inventory
 - Number of deceased livestock (Verification of deaths)
- Deaths must be due to eligible natural disaster
- Contract growers are eligible (Need copy of grower contract)

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish (ELAP)

Provides financial assistance to producers that have lost feed in storage that was harvested, or purchased by the producer to feed their livestock. ELAP also offers assistance for losses of honeybees (hives or colonies), or farm raised fish not used for food.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance by November 1, 2018
- You will need to provide the follow information
 - Total Inventory before loss
 - Amount lost
 - Verification of losses will be needed

Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

Provides financial assistance to commercial producers of nurseries, orchards, or vineyards who suffered losses due to a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance within 90 days of damage
- Must have a crop report with FSA
- Must show that loss was due to disaster (Ex: pictures)
- Loss Adjuster must inspect damage and determine the total number of plants before the disaster, and the total number of surviving plants

Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

Provides financial assistance to landowners to restore forestland damaged by a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Program must be approved for the county
- Signup period will be announced for each county
- You will need to provide the follow information
 - Number of acres damaged
 - Type of trees

Producers and any Underserved Individual or Group are encouraged to contact the USDA - Farm Service Agency for additional details. Cabarrus County producers should call 704-788-2107, ext. 2, Mecklenburg County producers should call 704-333-0023, Rowan County producers should call 704-637-1602, ext. 2, or visit the Farm Service Agency Website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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