

Farm Production and Conservation

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# **Disaster Declaration Information & Implications:**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to designate counties as disaster areas to make emergency (EM) loans available to producers suffering losses in those counties and in counties that are contiguous to a designated county. In addition to EM loan eligibility, other emergency assistance programs, such as Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs, have historically used disaster designations as an eligibility trigger. Emergency Disaster Designation and Declaration Process Factsheet

### - Emergency Loans:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- Restore or replace essential property;
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year;
- Pay essential family living expenses;
- Reorganize the farming operation; and
- Refinance certain debts.

Emergency Loans Website & Emergency Loans Factsheet

#### - Disaster Set-Aside Program:

When Farm Service Agency (FSA) borrowers located in designated disaster areas or contiguous (adjoining) counties are unable to make their scheduled payment on any FSA debt, FSA is authorized to consider set-aside of one payment to allow the operation to continue. <u>Disaster Set-Aside Program Factsheet</u>

## **Non-Emergency Farm Loan Options:**

USDA is here to help farmers, ranchers, and foresters get the farm loan support they need to be successful. Whether you're a new farmer just getting started or a seasoned rancher in business for decades, we have farm loan options to help you meet your goals. Farm Loans Website

*\*Interactive Tools*: Check your eligibility for FSA loans, discover the various FSA loan products, learn about documentation requirements, and follow easy to understand instructions when completing the loan application forms.

Farm Loan Assistance Tool Farm Loan Discovery Tool

## **Emergency & Disaster Recovery Programs:**

Agriculture is a risky business. USDA is here to help you prepare for and recover from the impacts of natural disasters and market volatility. USDA provides a suite of disaster assistance programs to help offset losses as well as crop insurance and other coverage options to help manage risk and provide a safety net.

USDA Protection & Recovery Programs Website Disaster Assistance Programs Website

\**Interactive Tool*: Learn about USDA disaster assistance programs that might be right for you by completing five simple steps. <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>

#### - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP):

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland and conservation structures damaged by natural disasters and implement emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Website Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Factsheet

### - Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP):

ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions, as determined by the Secretary.

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) Factsheet Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) Honeybee-Specific Factsheet

### - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP):

NAP pays covered producers of covered non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing). Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for the current crop year. Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Factsheet

### - Tree Assistance Program (TAP):

The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines lost by natural disasters.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP) Factsheet