



# Disaster Resources for Producers

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## Help Line Resources and Crisis Support

- Call 211 for immediate support or contact the Avera Farmer Stress Hotline at 800.691.4336.
- Support is also available by texting your zip code to 898211 or by emailing [help@helplinecenter.org](mailto:help@helplinecenter.org).

## Assistance for Livestock Losses

- The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) is available for livestock owners or contract growers through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Covered livestock include, but are not limited to cattle, poultry, swine, sheep, and goats.
  - Producers must file a Notice of Loss with FSA within 30 days of when the loss is apparent.
  - Losses in excess of normal mortality are covered under LIP. Producers must provide verifiable inventory and death loss records by applicable livestock class.
  - Payments are 75% of the market value of applicable livestock for livestock owners and 75% of the average income loss sustained by the contract grower.
  - The maximum per person and legal entity payment limitation no longer applies.
  - Payments may be available to livestock owners who sell injured livestock at a reduced price.

## Assistance for Loss of Feed

- Need feed? SDSU Extension has a Facebook page, the [SDSU Extension Feed and Forage Finder](#), where you can sell, buy, or donate hay or feed.
- The Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP), administered by the FSA, provides financial assistance for additional feed costs incurred as a direct result of feed lost due to flooding or excessive snow. Financial assistance for increased costs associated with snow removal may also be available under ELAP.
  - Producers must file a Notice of Loss with FSA within 30 days of when the loss is apparent.
  - Producers will be required to submit receipts documenting costs associated with additional feed purchases or excess snow removal.

## Assistance for Debris Removal and Reparation of Farmland

- FSA's Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides assistance to help with costs associated with debris removal and repairs to farmlands damaged by flooding or other eligible disaster conditions.
  - Contact your local FSA office to inquire about the county specific ECP application period.
  - Producers must provide receipts documenting eligible expenses.
  - As a condition of eligibility, National Environmental Preservation Act (NEPA) and Cultural Resources reviews must be completed prior to the onset of work.
- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), along with South Dakota's conservation districts, are providing free, on-site technical assistance for evaluating needs related to natural resources due to natural disasters. Assistance with soils information, water, and soil quality, as well as assistance with a wide variety of conservation practices, is available.
- Financial assistance through the NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is available for implementation or replacement of needed conservation practices to help mitigate impacts from the natural disasters. Producers must apply for the program prior to starting work to be eligible for financial assistance. Please inform NRCS of any conservation practices that have been destroyed due to natural disaster.

## Financial Assistance

- FSA provides emergency loans to help producers who are located in a [designated disaster area or contiguous county](#) with a Presidential Disaster Declaration, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Designation, FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notification (APLN), or U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Quarantine Designation. Current FSA borrowers in these counties may be eligible for disaster set aside assistance.

## Contact Information

### **Farm Service Agency**

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### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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### **South Dakota Department of Agriculture**

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