

Agriculture Disaster Recovery Resources

USDA Assistance Programs

USDA offers multiple programs for farmers or producers to recover disaster related damages. Contact your county's USDA Service Center for application assistance or call April Dahlager at **720-544-2909**. **Find all programs at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>**

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program: [USDA NAP](#)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program: [USDA ELAP](#)
- Emergency Conservation Program: [USDA ECP](#).
- Tree Assistance Program: [USDA TAP](#)
- Emergency Farm Loans: [Emergency Farm Loans \(usda.gov\)](#)

NC Department of Agriculture Emergency Services

Provides disaster information for farms and agribusinesses. To get support call **1-866-645-9403** or go online to <https://www.ncagr.gov/emergency-programs/disaster-information>

- **Disaster Hay and Livestock Resources Assistance Information**
 - The Disaster Hay and Livestock Resources Assistance Portal is a resource to connect farmers who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene with donated resources. No sales or transactions are made on this website. The requests and offers are collected and sent to NCSU Cooperative Extension where they are matched and coordinated by Extension personnel.
 - [Fill out the Form:](#)
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck66PIXYrRNE2ISjsdf8f3VoAcHi6O2lgeyYXS6cfUwRIY3Q/viewform>

EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems

An initiative of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, EMFS can assist with filling out forms and applications.

- Link Online: <https://cefs.ncsu.edu/food-system-initiatives/emfs-empowering-mountain-food-systems/>
- Phone Number: **919-513-0954**
- email: cefs_info@ncsu.edu
- For application assistance please call or email Laura Lauffer at lwlauffe@ncsu.edu or 828-359-6936

Crisis Helpline

For crisis counseling and emergency grants call **1-800-FarmAid**.

For [Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA](#) Crisis Hotline or Assistance call **866-586-6746**.

For Animal emergencies call the NCDA&CS Hotline at **866-645-9403**



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Advice and Tips For Farmers

USDA'S FSA Tips

1. Document damage with dated photographs, videos, and third-party verification (non-family if possible).
2. Make every effort to report farm damage to your local USDA Service Center to request assistance (if the office doesn't answer, be sure to leave a voicemail). Call your local USDA service center to seek pre-authorization to maximize your chances of getting cost-share reimbursements for repairs. If no one answers, leave a voicemail describing the damage and the repairs needed. If the line is down, you may call any county office in your state. (Be prepared to leave your name and description of damage (include both emergency and long-term) and a list of repairs you are requesting funding for.)
3. Farmers should start taking extensive notes in addition to pictures:
 - What damage you've experienced
 - What repairs you need to do
 - What costs you incur in implementing repairs
 - Keep RECEIPTS!
4. If possible to wait, do not start permanent repairs and field restoration without FSA authorization. You may do emergency repairs, e.g. gates, fencing, etc

