

Assistance for Livestock Mortality Due to Blizzard/Flooding

Funding available to help with safe disposal of livestock



Applying for Assistance

As the flood water recedes and snow melts, farmers and ranchers are getting a better look at the amount of damage their operations have suffered from recent extreme weather events.

One of the more significant losses experienced by ag producers has been the loss of livestock. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has assistance available to help landowners cope with the aftermath of livestock death.

Through NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program, commonly referred to as EQIP, the Livestock Mortality Initiative is available. This initiative provides assistance to operators and landowners in Nebraska who suffered heavy livestock losses due to the 2019 floods and blizzard and need help disposing of animal carcasses.

Applications are being accepted now through April 5. The second cut-off date is May 1. Additional application cut-off dates may be announced if there is demand and available funding. Producers who have not already disposed of livestock can apply for EQIP now. Producers can then get a waiver that allows them to begin working to dispose of deceased livestock before having an approved EQIP contract.

Eligibility

Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland and Tribes are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.

Financial Assistance

Through the EQIP Livestock Mortality Initiative, eligible applicants receive funding to help safely dispose of livestock. This may include safe burial, rendering, transporting to landfill or incineration.

Socially disadvantaged, beginning and limited resource farmers, Indian tribes and beginning farmers/veterans are eligible for an increased payment rate and may receive advance payment of up to 50 percent to purchase materials and services needed to implement conservation practices included in their EQIP contract.



More Information

Landowners or agricultural producers may apply for EQIP by contacting the USDA Service Center that serves your county. More information about additional disaster recovery assistance is available on the Nebraska NRCS website www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and energy usage on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

While not designed to be an emergency response program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can play a vital role in assisting producers recovering from natural disasters like floods and blizzards. NRCS-funded conservation practices protect your land from erosion, support disaster recovery and repair, and can help mitigate loss from future natural disasters.

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