



ARIZONA DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

From floods to drought, fire or hurricanes, USDA provides disaster recovery assistance to farmers, ranchers, landowners and communities through a variety of USDA programs. If you are an agricultural producer affected by a disaster, please contact your local [USDA Service Center](#) for more information about assistance in your specific area.

NRCS ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS

The [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#) has [Disaster Assistance Programs](#) available to affected producers and communities, including:

Conservation Programs

Reapplication of Failed Conservation Treatment

Agricultural producers may reapply for a conservation practice that was implemented through an NRCS program that has failed due to a natural disaster. Conservation practices may be reapplied through a contract modification for active contracts, or a new program application for contracts that are no longer active.

Reapplying for a conservation practice still depends on program eligibility, payment limitations and funding availability.

If you are an impacted producer, please [contact your local NRCS office](#) to evaluate your options.

NRCS ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program

The [Emergency Watershed Protection \(EWP\)](#) Program is a recovery effort aimed at relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by natural disasters. **All projects undertaken, except for the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor. Interested landowners must work with an eligible project sponsor for EWP assistance.** NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the eligible construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining costs must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services.

Type of Work Authorized

Threats that the EWP Program addresses are termed watershed impairments. These include, but are not limited to:

- debris-clogged waterways,
- unstable streambanks,
- severe erosion jeopardizing public infrastructure
- wind-borne debris removal,
- damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation by fire or drought and
- purchasing floodplain easements

NRCS ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

Eligibility

Public and private land are eligible for assistance, but all works of improvement must be represented by a project sponsor.

Sponsors may include a legal subdivisions of the State, such as:

- a city,
- county,
- general improvement district,
- conservation district, or
- any Native American Tribe or Tribal organization provided they meet program eligibility requirements.

EWP may not be applied to U.S. Forest Service lands/properties.

Sponsor's Obligations

Sponsors are responsible for:

- setting local priorities,
- coordination with private landowners and other stakeholders,
- providing land rights to implement repair work,
- securing all necessary permits,
- furnishing the local cost share,
- accomplishing the installation of work, and
- performing any necessary operation and maintenance.

How Do I Obtain Assistance?

Eligible sponsors may request assistance through your [local NRCS field office](#).

FSA ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS

The [USDA Farm Service Agency \(FSA\)](#) has several [Disaster Assistance Programs](#) available to affected producers, including:

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

The [Emergency Conservation Program \(ECP\)](#) assists producers with funding to repair damaged range and farmlands impacted by natural disasters, or install water conservation practices.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The [Livestock Indemnity Program \(LIP\)](#) provides assistance to and/or compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to wildfires, hurricanes, floods, blizzards, extreme heat or extreme cold.

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

The [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish \(ELAP\)](#) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, not covered by LIP.

Livestock Forage Program (LFP)

The [Livestock Forage Program \(LFP\)](#) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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