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USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Program Overview



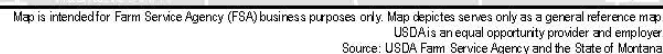
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
About USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Local FSA service center offices across Montana administer farm program and loan programs authorized by Congress by permanent law and under the Agricultural Act of 2014, known as the 2014 Farm Bill. Each administrative FSA office has a County Committee, comprised of farmers and ranchers who help deliver FSA programs.

The state office is headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, and the national office in Washington, DC.



Legend

-  Combined Counties
 Counties

FSA Service Center Offices



FSA Disaster Programs:

- ☐ CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing
- ☐ Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
- ☐ Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- ☐ Emergency Loan Program (EM)
- ☐ Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- ☐ Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- ☐ Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- ☐ Tree Assistance Program (TAP)



CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

Two ways for eligibility:

- County is suffering from a 40% or greater loss in normal hay and pasture production for the 4 most recent months.
- County reaches “D2” on the drought monitor

Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP acres must begin after the end of the primary nesting season which is July 15th. Emergency haying and grazing can begin July 16th.



CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

Eligibility based on Precipitation

- County FSA office must submit evidence to the FSA State Office that the county is suffering from a 40% or greater loss in normal hay and pasture production.
- Precipitation loss must have occurred for the 4 most recent months, plus the days in the current month before the date of request
- Local FSA County office must get approval to implement emergency haying and grazing of CRP based on precipitation from the National FSA office



CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

Eligibility based on the drought monitor

- FSA State Committee may authorize emergency haying and grazing based on the drought monitor.
- When county reaches “D2” on the drought monitor, FSA county office may submit a request to implement emergency haying and grazing of CRP to the FSA State Office.
- If the county has a value of “D2”, “D3”, or “D4” on the drought monitor, the county is eligible to request authority to implement emergency haying and grazing of CRP.



CRP Emergency Haying and Grazing

Eligible Montana Counties

The following counties are approved for Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP for 2015 based on the drought monitor:

- **Cascade**
- **Glacier**
- **Lake**
- **Lewis & Clark**
- **Liberty**
- **Pondera**
- **Teton**
- **Toole**

- **Daniels County** is approved based on loss of precipitation eligibility criteria



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

ELAP Purpose:

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires (on privately owned land) as determined by the Secretary.



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

Eligible Livestock Losses Due to Eligible Adverse Weather or Loss Conditions May Include:

- Grazing losses during the normal grazing period (not drought)
- Purchased and mechanically harvested forage and feed stuffs damaged or destroyed
- Additional cost of purchasing livestock feed above normal quantities



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

Eligible Livestock Losses Due to Eligible Adverse Weather or Loss Conditions May Include:

- Cost for transporting livestock feed to livestock if purchased or mechanically harvested forage is damaged or destroyed or additional feed purchased above normal
- Additional cost of transporting water to eligible livestock (started in 2014 instead of ECP water hauling)
- Physical loss of livestock in excess of normal mortality (no approved losses for Montana at this time)



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

Eligible Honeybee Losses Due to Eligible Adverse Weather or Loss Conditions May Include:

- Purchased or harvested feed losses
- Physical losses to colonies
- Physical losses to hives



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

ELAP Deadlines:

- 2015 – The **earlier** of 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent or November 1, after the program year in which the loss occurred.

Note: producers must file a Notice of Loss and an Application for Payment by the deadlines listed above.



Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP Purpose

The purpose of ECP for drought is to provide cost-share assistance to eligible agriculture producers during periods of severe drought to:

- Supply emergency water for livestock, including confined livestock and poultry
- Supply emergency water for existing irrigation systems serving orchards and vineyards
- In addition to drought, ECP is used to provide cost-share assistance for other natural disasters. Fire, flood, tornados, hurricanes



Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP Eligibility Based on Precipitation Levels

- FSA County office must provide evidence that the county precipitation levels are at an average of 40% or greater loss of normal precipitation
- Precipitation loss must have occurred for the 4 most recent months, plus the days in the current month before the date of request
- National FSA office provides authority to FSA County office to implement ECP based on precipitation loss



Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP Eligibility Based on Drought Monitor

- If county reaches “D3” on the drought monitor, FSA county office may request authority to implement ECP
- FSA State Committee has authority to approve ECP requests based upon the drought monitor



Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

2015 Montana Counties Approved

- Powder River County is approved for both fire and flood for 2015
- No additional counties are approved for ECP drought to provide cost-share assistance for livestock watering facilities.
- No additional counties are approved for ECP fire



Emergency Loans (EMs)

EM Purpose

- Emergency Loans assist farmers and ranchers who have suffered physical or production losses in areas declared by the President as disaster areas or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as disaster area or quarantine areas (for physical losses only, the FSA Administrator may authorize Emergency Loan assistance).
- Emergency Loans are only available as direct loans from FSA.
- The maximum indebtedness under the Emergency Loan program is \$500,000.



Emergency Loans (EMs)

Uses

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 (EMs)

Eligible Disaster Designated Montana Counties:

2015 Primary Disaster Counties: Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow

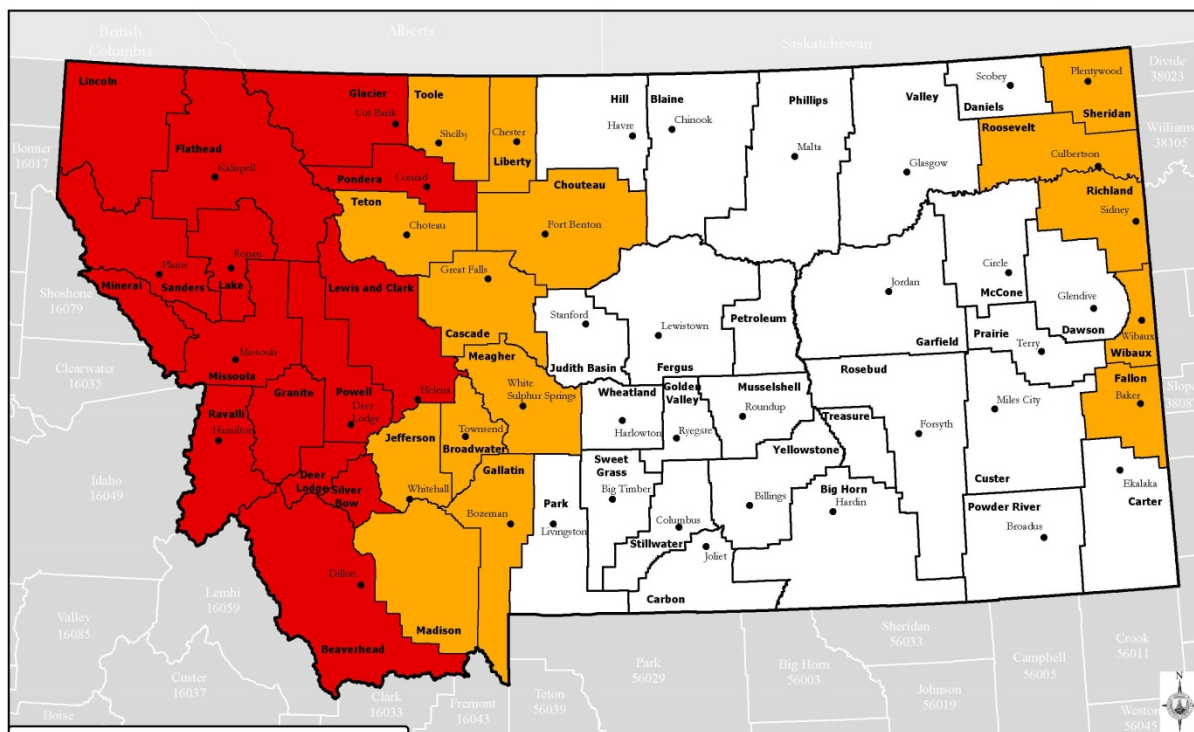
2015 Contiguous Disaster Counties: Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Fallon, Gallatin, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, Teton and Wibaux

Emergency Loans (EMs)

Eligible Disaster Designated Montana Counties:



USDA Farm Service Agency Montana 2015 Cumulative Disaster Designations



Legend

2015 Cumulative Disaster Designations

- Primary
- Contiguous

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- Designations have various incidence periods and disaster types.
- Producers have up to **eight months** from the date of the designation to apply for an EM with FSA.

July 17, 2015



Natural Disaster Designations

The Emergency Loan program is the only FSA program triggered by a Presidential or Secretarial Natural Disaster Designation. All other FSA disaster programs have other eligibility requirements.

Disaster Set-Aside:

Secretarial Disaster Designations in a county also allow an existing FSA farm loan borrowers in the designated county to set-aside one annual loan payment to the end of the loan in order to continue operating. Producers apply for this option through the Farm Loan office servicing their loan.

Tax Deferral Option: Producers in disaster counties can also exercise the IRS tax deferral option. Consult your accountant about this IRS option.



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

LFP Purpose:

LFP Provides Compensation to eligible livestock producers for covered livestock due to:

- Qualifying Drought
Determined by the US Drought Monitor
- Fire on Federal Land



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

Levels of Qualifying Drought:

D2 (severe drought) for 8 consecutive weeks in any area of the county

- 1 monthly payment

D3 (extreme drought) at any time in any area of the county

- 3 monthly payments

D3 (extreme drought) for any 4 weeks during the grazing period in any area of the county

- 4 monthly payments

D4 (extreme drought) at any time during the grazing period in any area of the county

- 4 monthly payments

D4 (extreme drought) for any 4 weeks during the grazing period in any area of the county

- 5 monthly payments



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

MT Counties Current Eligible for 2015 LFP (as of Aug. 14):

☐ **Beaverhead**

☐ **Deer Lodge**

☐ **Flathead**

☐ **Glacier**

☐ **Granite**

☐ **Lake**

☐ **Lewis and Clark**

☐ **Lincoln**

☐ **Mineral**

☐ **Missoula**

☐ **Pondera**

☐ **Powell**

☐ **Ravalli**

☐ **Sanders**

☐ **Silver Bow**



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

Qualifying Fire Losses

Must occur on rangeland managed by a Federal Agency

Eligible producers must have been prohibited from grazing their normal permitted livestock during the grazing period due to the fire



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

Deadline

- **February 1, 2016 for all 2015 losses**

Must have a completed application, including a supporting documentation on file by this date.

Supporting documentation includes land leases (if applicable), verification of livestock inventory and payment eligibility forms.



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP Purpose

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. LIP also covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators.



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Deadlines

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2015	30 Days after Death is Apparent	Feb. 1, 2016
2016 and subsequent years	30 Days after Death is Apparent	30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss occurred



Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Purpose

NAP provides financial assistance for noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters that result in lower yields or crop losses, or prevented planting of a crop. Landowners, tenants, or sharecroppers who share in the risk of producing an eligible crop are eligible.



Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Eligible Crops

Eligible crops are those where crop insurance is unavailable. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod).

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

2014 Farm Bill Improvements

- NAP was expanded from basic catastrophic coverage to include buy-up coverage levels. Producers may elect additional coverage levels ranging from 50 to 65 percent of production, in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price.
- Producers who elect additional coverage must pay a premium in addition to the service fee. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional coverage.
- Beginning, limited resource, and underserved farmers are eligible for a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction.



Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

2016 Crop Year Sales Closing Dates/Deadlines

- **Sept. 1, 2015:** 2016 NAP Application Closing Date for Value-Loss Crops
- **Sept. 30, 2015:** 2016 NAP Application Closing Date for Annual Fall-Seeded Crops, Perennial Forage and Grazing, Mixed Forage Crops, Rye, Speltz, Triticale, Wheat and Garlic
- **Dec. 1, 2015:** 2016 NAP Application Closing Date for Honey Producers
- **March 15, 2016:** 2016 NAP Application Closing Date for All Other Crops



Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP Purpose

TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

TAP Deadline

The final date to submit an application and supporting documentation is the later of 90 calendar days of the disaster event or the date when the loss is apparent.

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FSA Service Center Offices <i>(Listed by County/Reservation)</i>		Phone #	Fax #
Beaverhead	420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725	406/683-3830	855/556-1258
Big Horn, Crow Reservation, Northern Cheyenne Reservation	724 West Third, Hardin, MT 59034	406/665-3442	855/556-1457
Blaine, Fort Belknap Reservation	PO Box 307, 228 Ohio, Chinook, MT 59523	406/357-2320	855/546-0388
Broadwater	415 South Front Street, Townsend, MT 59644	406/266-4253	855/575-2506
Carbon	PO Box 509, 606 W Front Street, Joliet, MT 59041-0136	406/962-3300	855/558-5641
Carter	PO Box 5, 308 S. Mormon Ave., Ekalaka, MT 59324	406/775-6355	855/556-1271
Cascade	#12 Third St NW, Suite 300, Great Falls, MT 59404	406/727-7580	866/609-8434
Chouteau	PO Box 309, 1210 25th Street, Fort Benton, MT 59442-0309	406/622-5401	855/556-1450
Custer	3120 Valley Drive East, Miles City, MT 59301-5599	406/232-7905	855/558-5665
Daniels	131 B Highway 5 East, Scobey, MT 59263	406/487-5366	855/575-2501
Dawson	102 Fir Street, Glendive, MT 59330-3196	406/377-5566	855/556-1455
Deer Lodge	1002 Hollenback Road, Suite B, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	406/846-2337	855-547-5750
Fallon	PO Box 1516, 141 South 4th Street West, Baker, MT 59313-1516	406/778-2238	855-510-7029
Fergus	211 McKinley St., Suite 2, Lewistown, MT 59457	406/538-3489	855/558-5654
Flathead	133 Interstate LN, Kalispell, MT 59901-2877	406/752-4242	855/558-5653
Gallatin	3710 W. Fallon St. Ste. D, Bozeman, MT 59718-6433	406/522-4000	855/546-0262
Garfield	PO Box 329, 307 Main St., Jordan, MT 59337	406/557-2740	855/558-5652
Glacier, Blackfeet Reservation	1 3rd St. NE, Cut Bank, MT 59427	406/873-5618	855/547-5749
Golden Valley	PO Box 5, 206 First Street North, Ryegate, MT 59074	406/568-2221	855/575-2500
Granite	1002 Hollenback Road, Suite B, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	406/846-2337	855-547-5750
Hill, Rocky Boy's Reservation	Hill Co. FSA Office, 206 25 th Ave W. Suite #2, Havre MT 59501	406/265-6792	855/556-1459
Jefferson	3 Whitetail Road, Whitehall, MT 59759-9635	406/287-3262	855/576-2669
Judith Basin	Box 483, 121 Central Avenue, Stanford, MT 59479	406/566-2218	855/575-2504
Lake, Flathead Reservation	64352 US Highway 93, Ronan, MT 59864-8738	406/676-2811	855/575-2498
Lewis and Clark	790 Colleen Street, Helena, MT 59601	406/449-5277	855/558-5608
Liberty	PO Box 669, 18 Main Street, Chester, MT 59522-0669	406/759-5129	855/546-0386

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County/Reservation:	FSA Office Address:	Phone #	Fax #
Lincoln	133 Interstate LN, Kalispell, MT 59901-2877	406/752-4242	855/558-5653
McCone	PO Box 187, 104 10th Street, Circle, MT 59215-0187	406/485-2744	855/546-0416
Madison	3 Whitetail Road, Whitehall, MT 59759-9635	406/287-3262	855/576-2669
Meagher	PO Box J, 4147 Highway 89, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645	406/547-3521	855/576-2402
Mineral	3550 Mullan Road, Suite 106, Missoula, MT 59808-5125	406/829-3395	855/558-5666
Missoula	3550 Mullan Road, Suite 106, Missoula, MT 59808-5125	406/829-3395	855/558-5666
Musselshell	109 Railroad Ave. East, Roundup, MT 59072	406/323-2067	855/575-2499
Park	5242 Hwy. 89 South, Livingston, MT 59047-9611	406/222-0212	855/558-5656
Petroleum	211 McKinley St., Suite 2, Lewistown, MT 59457	406/538-3489	855/558-5654
Phillips, Fort Belknap Reservation	1120 US Hwy 191 S, Suite 2, Malta, MT 59538	406/654-1333	855/558-5661
Pondera	406 North Main, Conrad, MT 59425-2706	406/278-7611	855/547-5499
Powder River	PO Box 9, 114 N. Lincoln Ave., Broadus, MT 59317	406/436-2321	855/546-0273
Powell	1002 Hollenback Road, Suite B, Deer Lodge, MT 59722	406/846-2337	855-547-5750
Prairie	PO Box 626, 409 East Spring, Terry, MT 59349	406/635-5381	855/575-2505
Ravalli	1709 North First Street, Hamilton, MT 59840-3357	406/363-1444	855/556-1456
Richland	2745 West Holly Street, Sidney, MT 59270	406/433-2103	855/575-2503
Roosevelt, Fort Peck Reservation	PO Box 519, 508 6th St. E, Culbertson, MT 59218-0519	406/787-6262	855/547-5748
Rosebud, Northern Cheyenne Res.	PO Box 6, 270 South Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327-0006	406/346-7333	855/556-1448
Sanders	PO Box 639, 7487 MT Highway 200, Plains, MT 59859	406/826-3751	855/558-5669
Sheridan,	119 North Jackson, Plentywood, MT 59254	406/765-1550	855/575-2496
Silver Bow	3 Whitetail Road, Whitehall, MT 59759-9635	406/287-3262	855/576-2669
Stillwater	334 North 9th Street, Columbus, MT 59019	406/322-5348	855/546-0421
Sweet Grass	PO Box 610, 225 Big Timber Loop Rd., Big Timber, MT 59011	406/932-5159	855/546-0258
Teton	1102 Main Ave. North, Suite 2, Choteau, MT 59422-0836	406/466-5351	855/546-0390
Toole	1125 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, MT 59474	406/434-5234	855/575-2502
Treasure Valley, Fort Peck Reservation	PO Box 6, 270 South Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327-0006	406/346-7333	855/556-1448
	54062 US Hwy. 2, Suite 1, Glasgow, MT 59230-2846	406/228-4321	855/556-1454
Wheatland	PO Box 669, 809 Second Ave., NW, Harlowton, MT 59036-0669	406/632-5622	855/556-1458
Wibaux	502 2nd Ave., NW Wibaux, MT 59353-9040	406/796-2221	855/576-2670
Yellowstone	1629 Ave. D, Bldg. A, Suite 2, Billings, MT 59102-3042	406/657-6135	855/546-0259

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