



Disaster Program Information

USDA in Montana

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has several programs that can directly or indirectly provide assistance in the wake of a natural disaster. Contact your nearest USDA office, or visit us online for additional information about our programs.



FARM SERVICE AGENCY
www.fsa.usda.gov/mt
(406) 587-6872

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

The **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for providing emergency livestock water during periods of severe drought.



Natural Resources
Conservation Service
www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov
(406) 587-6811

The **Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.



www.rurdev.usda.gov/mt
(406) 585-2580

The **Emergency Loan Program (EM)** provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.



www.rma.usda.gov
(406) 657-6447

The **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)** Program is authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill to provide assistance to producers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. SURE is available for crop losses due to natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

The **Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

The **Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)** provides emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish. Covers losses from disaster such as adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires not adequately covered by any other disaster program.

The **Livestock Forage Program (LFP)** provides financial assistance to producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, during the calendar year in which the loss occurs. Fire losses must have occurred on federally managed lands.

The **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011, including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold.



Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

The **Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)** Program is available for local sponsors to use to aid in recovery work. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to install measures that reduce post-flood and fire damage. The measures are intended to reduce threats to life or property, retard runoff, restore capacity of waterways, prevent flooding and/or soil erosion and reduce damage from sediment and debris. The removal of debris deposited by the disaster that is a health or safety hazard can be a part of such measures as well.

Rural Development (RD)

The **Rural Housing Repair & Rehabilitation Program (Section 504)** can provide a loan to repair damaged homes for rural families living at or below 50% of the area median income for their county. The homes must be owner occupied. Seniors above the age of 62 may also be eligible for a grant through the same program.

The **Rural Rental Housing Program** may be able to relocate families displaced by natural disaster into Rural Development financed housing projects. Priority may be given to eligible families who are dislocated due to natural disasters.

The **Community & Business Program** areas have several loans that could be used to repair and rehabilitate community infrastructure and affected businesses. Schools, hospitals, water and wastewater systems, and privately owned businesses – among others – may be eligible for funding.

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), manages the **Risk Management Education and Outreach Partnership Program**. Awards will be made on a competitive basis for projects of up to one year. The purpose of this combined cooperative partnership agreements program is to deliver educational training to U.S. agricultural producers to assist them in identifying and managing production, marketing, legal, financial and human risk. These trainings could include disaster recovery information.

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