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Resources for Farmers and Producers Affected by Disaster

State Resources

[Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#)

The vision of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is to create strong community partnerships, safeguard Florida's natural resources and enhance its ecosystems.

[Florida Division of Emergency Management](#)

Working together to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts.

[USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Program](#)

The Farm Service Agency provides assistance for natural disaster losses, resulting from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornadoes, pest infestation, and other calamities.

[USDA Farm Service Agency Florida State Office](#)

[USDA Farm Service Agency County Offices \(map\)](#)

- [Disaster Designation Information](#)
- [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish \(ELAP\)](#)
- [Emergency Forest Restoration Program \(EFRP\)](#)
- [Livestock Forage Program \(LFP\)](#)
- [Livestock Indemnity Program \(LIP\)](#)
- [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program \(NAP\)](#)
- [Tree Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#)
- [Loss Adjustment Standards Handbooks \(LASH\)](#)
- [Emergency Farm Loans](#)

National Resources

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

- [What to do if your business or farm was damaged](#)

[USDA Disaster Assistance fact sheet that assists individuals and small businesses](#)

For complete details and eligibility, please contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

[USDA Disaster Resource Center](#)

The center contains information about specific disasters and emergencies, how to prepare, recover, and help build long-term resilience, as well as information about USDA assistance during disaster events.

[USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance](#)

When floods destroy or severely damage residential property, USDA Rural Development can assist with providing priority hardship application processing for single family housing.

[USDA Food and Nutrition Service](#)

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites.

[USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Emergency Watershed Protection Program](#)

For declared natural disasters that lead to imminent threats to life and property, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can assist local government sponsors with the cost of implementing recovery efforts like debris removal and streambank stabilization to address natural resource concerns and hazards through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

[USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#)

The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial assistance to repair and prevent excessive soil erosion that can result from high rainfall events and flooding. Conservation practices supported through EQIP protect the land and aid in recovery, can build the natural resource base, and might help mitigate loss in future events.

[USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service – A Consumer’s Guide to Food Safety During Disaster](#)

[Farmers’ Legal Action Group](#)

651-223-5400

Farmer’s Legal Action Group (FLAG) is a nonprofit law center dedicated to providing legal services and support to family farmers and their communities in order to help keep family farmers on the land.

- [Disaster/Risk Management Publications](#)
- [Farmer Guide to Disaster Assistance](#)

[Farm Aid Resource Guide for Farmers affected by Disaster](#)

1-800-FARM-AID (1-800-327-6243)

Since 1985, Farm Aid has answered 1-800-FARM-AID to provide immediate and effective support services to farm families in crisis. Now Farm Aid's online Farmer Resource Network connects farmers to an extensive network of organizations across the country that help farmers find the resources they need to access new markets, transition to more sustainable and profitable farming practices, and survive natural disasters.

[Rural Advancement Foundation International \(RAFI\)](#)

919-542-1396

The Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI)'s mission is to cultivate markets, policies and communities that sustain thriving, socially just and environmentally sound family farms.

- **[Documenting Disaster Loss](#)**

Insurance companies

Calling your health insurance company can help emotionally as well as financially. Some carriers have a free emotional support hotline with staff on hand to listen and share resources that may be of use.