

## Physical Loss Notification N1457

The Honorable Henry McMaster at 1100 Gervais Street, Columbia SC 29201

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Dear Governor McMaster,

On May 8, 2020, FSA Administrator, Richard Fordyce declared 10 South Carolina counties eligible for FSA emergency loans due to physical damage and losses caused by tornadoes and high winds that occurred on April 13, 2020.

The 10 primary counties in South Carolina are:

**Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Dillon, Hampton, Lee, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Sumter.**

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following South Carolina counties were named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. The contiguous counties in South Carolina are:

**Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Charleston, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, and Williamsburg.**

EM loan assistance is available to any applicant with a qualifying loss in the above counties through January 8, 2021.

USDA-FSA offers multiple Disaster Assistance Programs to assist the farmers in South Carolina. Please find the attached USDA-FSA Fact Sheet, FSA Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance attached that outlines the programs. If FSA can provide further information or be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-806-3820.

Sincerely,

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State Executive Director

Attachment: USDA-FSA Fact Sheet, FSA Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance



# Disaster Assistance

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

**FACT SHEET**  
October 2017

## Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance

Disaster Programs	Blizzard	Fire	Hurricane/Typhoon	Excessive Moisture/Flood	Excessive Winds/Tornado	Drought	Hail	Volcanic Eruption/Emissions	Freeze	Earthquake
<b>Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)</b> - provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)</b> - provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events, such as floods, hurricanes or other natural disasters.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)</b> - provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires.	Yes	Yes, except on federally managed land	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except for water transportation	Yes, but only for grazing losses	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Loan Program (EM)</b> - provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters or quarantine.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)</b> - provides compensation for grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or certain crops planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on federally managed land during the normal grazing period for the county.	No	Yes, but only on federally managed lands impacted by the fire for which the producer is prohibited from grazing the normally permitted livestock by the federal agency	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)</b> - provides benefits to livestock owners and some contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality that are the direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except when associated with anthrax	Yes	Yes	Yes, but only if deaths result from freeze incidental to a winter storm or extreme cold as determined by FSA	Yes
<b>Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)</b> - provides financial assistance for noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane or other natural disasters.	Yes	Yes, only as a related condition to an eligible disaster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Tree Assistance Program (TAP)</b> - provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or, where applicable, rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines lost by natural disasters. A qualifying mortality loss in excess of 15 percent (in excess of normal mortality) must be sustained to trigger assistance.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Other natural disasters that may apply to some of these programs (not all perils are eligible loss conditions for all programs) include:

- Explosion;
- High water;
- Landslide;
- Mudslide;
- Severe snowstorm;
- Storm, including ice storms;
- Tidal wave;
- Wind-driven water;
- Insect infestation;
- Plant disease;
- Lightning; and
- Other **natural** phenomena.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. For more information about FSA disaster programs, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index) or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Some man-made conditions qualify for disaster assistance, as follows.

Disaster Programs	Pesticide Contamination	Nuclear Radiation/Fallout	Toxic Substances Other Than Pesticides	Chemical Residue Other Than Pesticides
<b>Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP)</b> – provides compensation to dairy producers when a public regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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