


## USDA Disaster Assistance Programs

USDA offers several programs and services to help communities, farmers and businesses impacted by Hurricane Florence. Currently, the Hurricane Florence Presidential Disaster Declaration #4393 includes Horry, Dillon and Marlboro counties as contiguous counties. As such, emergency (EM) loans are available to producers suffering losses in these counties. Historically this disaster designation serves as an eligibility trigger for other Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs. In particular, producers suffering losses should investigate the following FSA Disaster Assistance Programs:

- **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** - provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind, erosion, floods, hurricanes or other natural disasters
- **Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** - provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forestland to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events
- **Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** – 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.
- **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** - 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.

To discover the USDA disaster assistance programs that might be right for you visit:

<https://www.farmers.gov/recover>



**DISCOVER DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Did you recently suffer loss or damage due to a natural disaster? Learn about USDA disaster assistance programs that might be right for you by completing five simple steps.

**START**

Click the START button on the webpage to assess your eligibility for FSA disaster programs. The assessment lists programs that apply for your situation and information necessary to start the application process.

Additional USDA Disaster information sources include:

**Farm Service Agency** [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)  
**Rural Development** [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)  
**Risk Management Agency** [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov)

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