

***ONLINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RELATED TO SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOOD HAZARDS POSED BY EL NINO***

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

- *Disaster Resource Center webpage*: This resource is designed to be a streamlined hub on the USDA page to provide information related to all different disaster events, with events listed by type and each event type to be linked to other pages providing more direct, detailed, and event-specific information. Also available will be a directory of State/local disaster assistance (e.g., FEMA, Red Cross) and a set of resources and fact sheets that talk about assistance available from USDA. Webpage under development.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

- *Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program*: EWP provides financial assistance of up to 75 percent of a project's construction costs to help local communities relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, wind-storms, and other natural occurrences that cause watershed impairments. For more information, visit the [EWP website](#).
- *Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)*: EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to help qualified agricultural producers implement conservation practices that address soil, water, air, plant, animal, and energy resource concerns. For more information, visit the [EQIP website](#).

FOREST SERVICE (FS)

- *Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Program*: BAER is the post-fire emergency response program that precedes rehabilitation and restoration. BAER assessments, conducted on National Forest System lands after a fire has occurred, will recommend rehabilitation activities often to include emergency slope stabilization to mitigate post-fire flooding. For more information, visit the [BAER website](#).

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)

- *Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)*: ECP provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters, and helps to put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought. For more information, visit the [ECP website](#).
- *Emergency Loans (EM)*: EM provides assistance to agricultural producers who own farms or operate in counties declared by the President or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster area or quarantine area. For more information, visit the [EM website](#).
- *Livestock Forage Program (LFP)*: LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover, or is planted specifically for grazing. For more information, visit the [LFP website](#).
- *Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)*: LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. For more information, visit the [LIP website](#).
- *Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)*: NAP provides financial assistance to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. For more information, visit the [NAP website](#).
- *Tree Assistance Program (TAP)*: TAP provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes, and vines damaged by natural disasters. For more information, visit the [TAP website](#).

RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD)

- *Rural Utilities Service (RUS) – Circuit Rider Program*: The Circuit Rider Program provides technical assistance to rural water systems having day-to-day, financial, or management issues. Assistance may be requested by officials of rural water systems or RUS staff. For more information, visit the [Circuit Riders Program website](#).
- *RUS – Emergency Response Plans*: RUS works with States to identify the rural communities most at risk for flooding as a result of drought or wildfires. An updated Emergency Response Plan and Vulnerability

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Assessment are requirements for a rural utility to be eligible for a RUS loan or grant. For more information on grant and loan programs, visit the [RD website](#).

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