

# DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR CALIFORNIA RANCHERS

AN OVERVIEW OF USDA FSA PROGRAMS PROVIDING DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

## LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM (LFP)

- Provides payments to eligible producers of a grazed forage crop on private land, such as native or improved pastureland that has suffered grazing losses due to a qualifying drought.
- Available for producers in areas experiencing D2 drought conditions for at least eight consecutive weeks or D3 or worse drought conditions at any time.
- Provide a completed application and required supporting documentation to your FSA office within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEYBEES & FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM (ELAP)

- Provides payments for losses due to eligible adverse weather conditions, including (but not limited to) water shortages and wildfires.
- Covers losses resulting from the additional cost of transporting water and feed to livestock as well as transporting livestock to available forage.
- Available for producers in areas experiencing D2 drought conditions for at least eight consecutive weeks or D3 or worse drought conditions at any time.
- Producers must also submit a "Notice of Loss" to their FSA office within 30 days of the loss.

## NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

- Helps producers manage risk through coverage for both crop losses and crop planting that was prevented due to natural disasters.
- Eligible crops include agricultural commodities not covered by federal crop insurance.
- Producers must be enrolled in the program and have purchased coverage for the eligible crop in the crop year the loss was incurred to receive program benefits following a qualifying natural disaster.
- Contact FSA for coverage costs and dates.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

### CONTACT

Contact your local FSA office (or offices, if you ranch in multiple counties) to start the process of applying for these programs.

### MORE DETAILS

Additional information about these programs and other drought resources is available at [www.calcattlemen.org/drought](http://www.calcattlemen.org/drought).

### FURTHER HELP

For help contacting your FSA office or understanding what questions to ask, contact the Rancher Technical Assistance Program team at [rtap@wrstrat.com](mailto:rtap@wrstrat.com) or (916) 409-6902.

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