

WILDFIRE DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR CALIFORNIA RANCHERS

AN OVERVIEW OF USDA PROGRAMS PROVIDING WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE

LIVESTOCK LOSSES

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

- Reimburses producers up to 75 percent of the market value of animals lost due to adverse weather conditions. Adverse weather conditions under LIP include wildfires.
- All classes of cattle are eligible for reimbursement including cows, bulls and calves.
- Provide a completed application and required supporting documentation to your FSA office within **30 calendar days** of when the loss of livestock is first apparent and file an application for payment within **60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year** in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

FORAGE LOSSES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEY BEES AND FARM-RAISED FISH (ELAP) & LIVESTOCK FORAGE PROGRAM (LFP)

- Both programs provide assistance to producers who experience grazing loss due to adverse weather conditions including wildfire.
- ELAP can provide assistance for grazing loss from wildfire on non-federal lands and LFP can provide assistance for grazing loss from wildfire on federal lands.
- Producers must submit applications to their local county FSA office within **30 calendar days** of the loss.

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

- Provides payments for loss of forage due to drought or other natural disasters such as wildfires.
- To be eligible to receive payments, ranchers must have previously enrolled in the program with their county FSA office and paid the service fee.
- Producers must report a loss to their local county FSA office within **15 calendar days of the natural disaster occurring** by completing a "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment" form.

INFRASTRUCTURE LOSS

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

- Assists ranchers with fence construction and repairing other rangeland infrastructure that may have been lost or damaged due to a natural disaster.
- Ranchers are eligible to receive up to 75 percent of the cost to implement the project.
- Contact your county FSA office to request federal funds for local restoration projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

- Assists ranchers with fence construction and repairing other rangeland infrastructure that are not eligible for assistance under other federal disaster assistance programs.
- Applications for projects can be taken by your NRCS representative at your local County FSA office.

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 wildfire resources is available at www.calcattlemen.org/fireresources.

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 or (916) 409-6902.

RTAP RANCHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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