

HOW TO APPLY FOR DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS

Disasters such as floods and droughts can severely impact your farming operation. Here is a simple guide to help you navigate disaster relief programs.

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Identify Eligible Programs

Federal Programs - Start with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for federal aid programs related to flood, drought or other extreme events.

- USDA FSA: www.fsa.usda.gov
- USDA NRCS: www.nrcs.usda.gov

State and Local Programs - Check with your state's Department of Agriculture or local extension office for additional resources and support.

- Extension Offices Locator: www.extension.org
- Virginia Cooperative Extension: www.ext.vt.edu
- West Virginia Extension Service: www.extension.wvu.edu

Private Organizations - Some non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or agricultural cooperatives may offer relief funding or resources.

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Gather Necessary Documentation

Proof of Loss - Keep detailed records of damages, including photographs, receipts and notes on crop or livestock losses.

Financial Documents - Update income statements and financial records for your farming operation.

Farm History - Ensure you have records on past production, planting dates and yields for affected crops or livestock.



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Download our **Recordkeeping** resource guide for helpful tips and information.

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Understand Program Requirements

Carefully read through eligibility criteria. Programs may have specific requirements based on the type of disaster and the extent of the damage.

Some programs may require that you've purchased crop insurance or are enrolled in other farm protection plans.

- USDA Disaster Assistance Programs: www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program

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