



NOTE: The FSA streamlined the USDA Disaster Designation process to make assistance more readily available to those in need. The updated process removes the requirement that a request for a disaster designation be initiated only by a state governor or Indian Tribal Council. The rulings further streamline the disaster designation process for severe drought occurrences by utilizing the U.S. Drought Monitor as a tool to automatically trigger disaster areas with no further documentation. For all other natural disaster occurrences and those drought conditions that are not considered severe, the county must either show a 30 percent production loss of at least one crop, or a determination must be made by surveying producers that other lending institutions will not be able to provide emergency financing.

www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/docs/FAQs-USDA-DisasterDesignationProcess.pdf

Drought Relief Programs – Crops	Administration	Eligibility	Type of Assistance
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE/DROUGHT The FSA County Committee inspects the damage to determine if land is eligible for ECP.	Provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation Farm Service Agency
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE - only as a related condition to an eligible disaster DROUGHT – YES	Provides financial assistance for non-insurable crop losses www.fsa.usda.gov/nap
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE/DROUGHT YES	Provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore

			forest health http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE/DROUGHT YES A qualifying mortality loss in excess of 15 percent (in excess of normal mortality) must be sustained to trigger assistance.	Provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or, where applicable, rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines. http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov

Drought Relief Programs – Livestock	Administration	Eligibility	Type of Assistance
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE – YES, except for federally managed land. DROUGHT – NO, except for water transportation	Provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease. http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov
Emergency Loan Program (EM)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE/DROUGHT YES	Provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov
Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	FIRE – YES, but only on federally managed lands impacted by the fire for which the producer is prohibited from grazing the normally permitted livestock by the federal agency. DROUGHT – YES, Grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on federally managed land during the normal grazing period for the county	Provides compensation for grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or certain crops planted specifically for grazing. http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov

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Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	<p>FIRE – YES</p> <p>DROUGHT – NO, except when associated with anthrax</p>	<p>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. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.</p> <p>http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov</p>
Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program	Montana USDA U.S. State Department of Agriculture	DROUGHT - YES	<p>Provides cost-share assistance to livestock producers with water supply shortages caused by drought.</p> <p>https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/home/?cid=nrcseprd334210</p>
Emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands	<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> <p>Producers must work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a modified conservation plan that is site specific, including the authorized grazing duration to reflect local wildlife needs. FSA State Committees will monitor emergency grazing implementation at the local level to mitigate adverse impact on nesting areas and established CRP vegetation.</p>	<p>DROUGHT - YES</p> <p>All or parts of states experiencing severe or extreme drought conditions indicated as categories D2 and D3 on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Extends through Sept. 30, unless conditions improve.</p>	<p>Eligible CRP participants can use CRP acreage for grazing their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. There will be no CRP annual rental payment reductions assessed for acres grazed.</p> <p>http://offices.usda.gov</p> <p>U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>

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Montana State FEED LIST	Montana Department Agriculture	Buyers and sellers may contact their Montana Department Agriculture with questions or for entry help. http://agr.mt.gov/Hay-Hotline .	The Feed List brings together buyers and sellers who have or need feedstuffs (hay, pasture, corn, etc.). There is no charge to post entries. http://agr.mt.gov/Hay-Hotline .

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Livestock Water Quality And Specialized Testing	Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	Water quality throughout the grazing season during drought when using a shallow water source and sources with a history of water quality issues.	If concerned about livestock diseases caused by contaminated drinking water, contact your local veterinarian, or the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at 406-994-4885 or http://liv.mt.gov/lab/default.mcp
Montana Livestock Drought Resources	USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture		Information on a variety of drought-related topics, including livestock and crop production; feeds and feeding; forages and grazing; livestock poisoning; lawns, gardens and trees; and farm/family stress https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/water/?cid=nrcs144p2_057780 http://animalrangeextension.montana.edu/beef/

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Disaster Loan Assistance	Small Business Administration (SBA)	Based on currently declared disasters found at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Declarations	SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters. SBA disaster loans can be used to repair or replace the following items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster: real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets. https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela