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Re: 2019 Nebraska Weather Disaster Assistance

Much of the state of Nebraska has been impacted by recent floods and blizzard. As of March 25, 2019, there have been 98 City communities to have initiated Emergency Declarations, 81 Counties Declarations, and 5 Tribal Declarations. Many businesses and residents had no insurance for flood events. The public outreach and volunteerism continues to be nothing less than impressive.

Early data estimates livestock losses in Nebraska at $400 million, which includes death, loss of performance, veterinary care, and additional labor/transportation costs. Crop loss is estimated at $440 million, which includes debris removal, inability to plant this year, and loss of inventory.

Below is a short list of resources and contact information we wanted to share. If you have coverage questions or need assistance filing a claim, please feel free to contact us.

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1) Agriculture (NDA)  [http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/)
   - Farmers and ranchers in need of assistance by the Nebraska National Guard should contact their local emergency manager. For more information, or to donate, contact 800-831-0550.
   - If a farmer or rancher feels overwhelmed with stress, depression, or other mental health related issues they are urged to contact the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline at 800-464-0258.
   - Nebraska Blizzard/Flooding Resources: [http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/resources/](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/resources/)

2) USDA/FSA
   - Contact local FSA: [https://www.farmers.gov/recover](https://www.farmers.gov/recover)
   - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
     - *(Must make contact w/FSA office within 30 days)*
   - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees & Raised Fish (ELAP)
- (Must make contact w/FSA office within 30 days)
  - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
  - (Must make contact w/FSA Office BEFORE any repairs made)
  - Tree Assistance Program

**Loan Related - Contact local FSA Office**
- Disaster Set-Aside Program – *extend or reduce payments on FSA Direct Loans*
- Emergency Loan Program – *provides loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters*

3) **Insurance**
- **Federal Crop Insurance** – Prevented Planting, Yield Loss
- **Noninsured Crop Disaster Program** (NAP) – protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for 2019 crops.

4) **Disaster Assistance Recovery Tool**
   [https://www.farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-tool#step-1](https://www.farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-tool#step-1)

5) **FEMA**
   [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
Nebraska Cattlemen Insurance Group

Assistance for Affected Individuals and Families Can Include as Required:

- Rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance may be provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters. Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

- Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs. (Source: FEMA funded at 75 percent of total eligible costs; 25 percent funded by the state.)

- Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veterans’ benefits and social security matters.

How to Apply for Assistance:
Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.