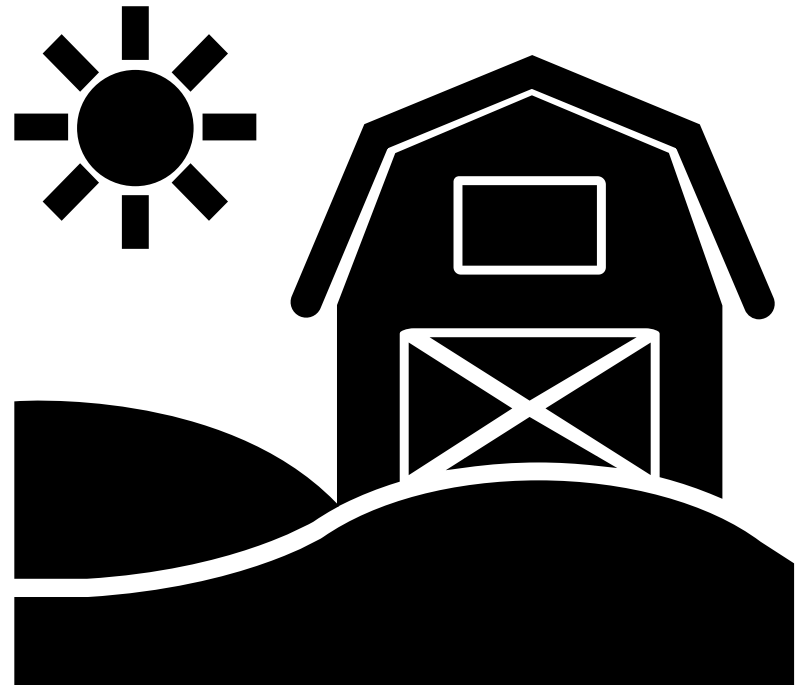


Resources to Recovery

'Bomb Cyclone' of March 2019
Blizzard & Flood Recovery

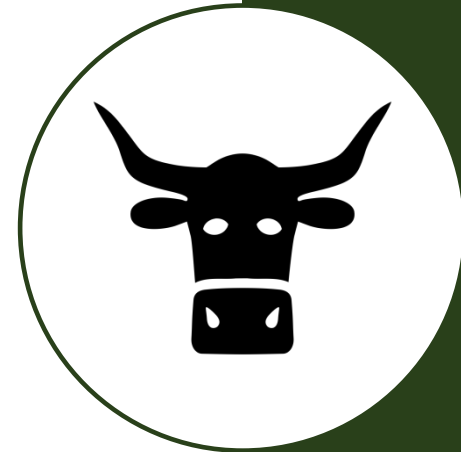
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USDA FSA Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- If you have suffered livestock losses, report them to your FSA county office within 30 days of when the losses become apparent.
 - This 30-day notification window is ****critical!** A phone call to the county office works for this notification.
 - Some producers had extreme weather in February and suffered livestock losses. Depending on when those losses occurred in February, that notification window may be closing soon.
- Documentation of losses is ****critical**:
 - FSA will need supporting evidence of your losses: veterinarian certification or other independent third-party certification of cause of loss, cattle inventory records, rendering receipts (if applicable), dated photos or video.
 - For animals swept away in floodwaters, [contact your local FSA Office](#) right away to discuss how to document the loss.
 - FSA will need to know the type or weight of the animals lost. LIP applies differently for adults vs. yearlings vs. calves.
 - Information about the specific weather conditions that caused the losses is also important to provide (*See 'Additional Resources' below for gathering this information*).



For Loss or Damage to Hay or Forage

USDA FSA Emergency Assistance for Livestock Program (ELAP)

- This program covers some livestock losses that do not fall under the Livestock Indemnity Program.
- For example, ELAP may be able to assist with flood-related feed losses, such as hay bales or other forage sources lost or damaged in the flood.

Managing Flood-Damaged Hay

- [How to Handle Hay Following a Flood](#)
(bulletin from Texas A&M)



For Damage to Buildings or Infrastructure

Safety First!

- Is the damaged building structurally sound to enter? It could collapse at any time, so don't take chances!
- Beware of debris piles that may collapse, and holes or drop-offs that you cannot see under snow or water.
- Flooding may cause gas lines to break. If you smell or hear gas, leave at once and call emergency services.
- In case of flooding, do not touch any electrical devices until you are certain the electricity is turned off. Call your electricity provider to know for certain.

Contact Your Private Insurance Company

- Does your homeowners or farm/ranch policy cover snow or flood damage to buildings or infrastructure?

Contact [Your Nearest USDA Service Center](#)

- FSA, NRCS & RD might know of additional resources to assist in the repair of buildings or infrastructure.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

USDA FSA Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-indemnity/index>

LIP Fact Sheet https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2018/livestock_indemnity_program_fact_sheet_dec_2018.pdf

Nebraska Extension Flood Resources and Information <https://flood.unl.edu/>

Nebraska Rural Response Hotline 1-800-464-0258

Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Page <https://www.nefb.org/get-involved/disaster-assistance>

NDSU Flood Information <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood/>

Resources to Aid in Documenting Weather Conditions at the Time of Loss

Mesonet's Cattle Comfort Index https://www.mesonet.org/index.php/agriculture/category/livestock/cattle/cattle_comfort_advisor#group=statewide_maps

National Weather Service's Cold Advisory for Newborn Livestock
<https://www.weather.gov/bis/canl>

Safety tips & more farm-related flood recovery resources from eXtension

<https://articles.extension.org/pages/33184/recover-from-a-flood>

USDA Climate Hubs <https://www.climatehubs.oce.usda.gov>



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