



Fire Recovery Assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has multiple agencies that provide financial and/or technical assistance to help farmers, ranchers and rural landowners recover from natural disasters, such as wildfires. Listed below are USDA agencies and an overview of applicable programs. Funding for some programs are contingent on the on the annual enactment of Congressional appropriations legislation.

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- Livestock Incentives Program (LIP): Compensates producers for livestock death due to natural disasters. Compensation is based on roughly 75 percent of the national average price of the livestock by type and age. Report losses within 30 days.
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP): Compensates producers for a percentage of the pasture or forage loss on private lands due to natural disasters. Payments are subject to a national payment factor. Report losses within 30 days. Complete applications are due by Nov. 1.
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program: Compensates producers who suffer pasture or forage loss due to drought or who have federally managed grazing leases but are not allowed to graze the lease because of wildfire. Report losses within 30 days.
- Emergency Loans – low interest loans to replace farm and ranch buildings and structures, make repairs or replace livestock or feed. Must meet disaster/emergency criteria.
- Emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres is not currently authorized.

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). The Farm Service Agency covers a portion of the cost to replace fence or other conservation practices. This program is contingent on funding available.
- Tree Assistance Program: Provides financial assistance to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters. Forests are not eligible.
- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP): Provides compensation to producers who grow uninsurable crops and have purchased NAP coverage by the crop signup dates.
- For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- NRCS provides technical and financial services through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to address certain environmental problems or resource concerns that arise as the result of wildfires. Contact your local field office for assistance.
- The NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program may be able to provide technical and financial assistance to eligible sponsors to implement emergency recovery measures to relieve imminent hazards to life or property. An eligible sponsor is any legal subdivision of a State government or a State agency. General Requirements:
 - Natural Disaster.
 - Sudden Impairment to the watershed.
 - Eminent threat to life and property.
 - Project sponsor is willing and able to represent the local community.

Must be demonstrated that all local financial resources have been utilized

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Provides insurance to farmers and ranchers who have previously enrolled in the subsidized multi-peril crop and livestock insurance programs.

Rural Development (RD)

- Single Family Housing - Direct low income Home Ownership Loans, Home Ownership Loan Guarantees, and Direct Home Repair loans and grants. Those whose property was destroyed, was severely damaged, or who have been displaced from a rental unit by the fire may receive priority hardship application processing.
- Multi-Family Housing – If a property was destroyed by the fire, Rural Development can issue a priority letter for next available Multi-Family Housing unit to affected residents. This is available only if a disaster is declared.

- Community Facilities – low interest loans for essential community facilities, such as fire equipment, community centers, city vehicles, food banks, day care facilities, etc.
- Water Environmental Programs – low interest loans for water and waste disposal systems and facilities including buildings, equipment, wells and pipe.
- Business & Cooperative Programs - business loans through intermediaries and guaranteed business loans.
- Electric - low interest loans to rural utilities to finance electric infrastructure. Eligible entities would qualify for expedited loan processing.

Kansas Cooperative Research and Extension

- In addition to the USDA resources listed above, expertise and assistance on particular subjects may be available through local or regional Extension offices.

USDA State Agency Contacts

Or check this link to find your local county office: <http://offices.usda.gov>

Farm Service Agency - Kansas State Office
3600 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS 66503
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Natural Resources Conservation Service – Kansas State Office
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Salina, KS 67401
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Risk Management Agency – Topeka Regional Office
2641 SW Wanamaker Rd, Ste 201
Topeka, KS 66614
785-228-5512

Rural Development – Kansas State Office
1303 SW First American Place, Ste 100
Topeka, KS 66604
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