

# Agriculture Disaster Recovery Resources

## USDA Assistance Programs

USDA offers multiple programs for farmers or producers to recover disaster related damages. Contact your county's USDA Service Center for application assistance or call April Dahlager at **720-544-2909**. **Find all programs at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>**

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program: [USDA NAP](#)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program: [USDA ELAP](#)
- Emergency Conservation Program: [USDA ECP](#).
- Tree Assistance Program: [USDA TAP](#)
- Emergency Farm Loans: [Emergency Farm Loans \(usda.gov\)](#)

## NC Department of Agriculture Emergency Services

Provides disaster information for farms and agribusinesses. To get support call **1-866-645-9403** or go online to <https://www.ncagr.gov/emergency-programs/disaster-information>

- **Disaster Hay and Livestock Resources Assistance Information**
  - The Disaster Hay and Livestock Resources Assistance Portal is a resource to connect farmers who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene with donated resources. No sales or transactions are made on this website. The requests and offers are collected and sent to NCSU Cooperative Extension where they are matched and coordinated by Extension personnel.
    - [Fill out the Form:](#)  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck66PIXYrRNE2ISjsdf8f3VoAcHi6O2lgeyYXS6cfUwRIY3Q/viewform>

## EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems

An initiative of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, EMFS can assist with filling out forms and applications.

- Link Online: <https://cefs.ncsu.edu/food-system-initiatives/emfs-empowering-mountain-food-systems/>
- Phone Number: **919-513-0954**
- email: [cefs\\_info@ncsu.edu](mailto:cefs_info@ncsu.edu)
- For application assistance please call or email Laura Lauffer at [lwlauffe@ncsu.edu](mailto:lwlauffe@ncsu.edu) or 828-359-6936

## Crisis Helpline

For crisis counseling and emergency grants call **1-800-FarmAid**.

For [Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA](#) Crisis Hotline or Assistance call **866-586-6746**.

For Animal emergencies call the NCDA&CS Hotline at **866-645-9403**



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# Advice and Tips For Farmers

## USDA'S FSA Tips

1. Document damage with dated photographs, videos, and third-party verification (non-family if possible).
2. Make every effort to report farm damage to your local USDA Service Center to request assistance (if the office doesn't answer, be sure to leave a voicemail). Call your local USDA service center to seek pre-authorization to maximize your chances of getting cost-share reimbursements for repairs. If no one answers, leave a voicemail describing the damage and the repairs needed. If the line is down, you may call any county office in your state. (Be prepared to leave your name and description of damage (include both emergency and long-term) and a list of repairs you are requesting funding for.)
3. Farmers should start taking extensive notes in addition to pictures:
  - What damage you've experienced
  - What repairs you need to do
  - What costs you incur in implementing repairs
  - Keep RECEIPTS!
4. If possible to wait, do not start permanent repairs and field restoration without FSA authorization. You may do emergency repairs, e.g. gates, fencing, etc



# Local Food Assistance Sites

## Ashe County –

- Westwood Elementary School, *4083 US-221, West Jefferson, NC 28694*
- Mountain View Elementary School, *Hwy. 221 North, Jefferson, NC 28640*

## Buncombe County

- UNC-Asheville, *1 University Heights, Asheville, NC 28804*
- Asheville-Buncombe Tech Ferguson, *10 Genevieve Cir, Asheville, NC 28801*
- WNC Ag. Center, *775 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC 28732*
- Asheville-Buncombe Tech Conference Center, *16 Fernihurst Dr, Asheville, NC 28801*
- Biltmore Baptist Church, *35 Clayton Road Arden, NC 28704*
- The Greens at Weaverville, *78 Weaver Blvd, Weaverville, NC 28787*
- Fletcher Nursing and Rehabilitation, *86 Old Airport Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732*

## Catawba County

- Catawba Valley Community College Tarlton Complex, *2540 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602*

## Henderson County

- First Baptist Church Hendersonville, *312 5th Ave W, Hendersonville, NC 28739*
- Greens at Hendersonville, *1870 Pisgah Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28791*

## Madison County

- Madison County Cooperative Extension Service, *258 Carolina Ln, Marshall, NC 28753*

## McDowell County

- Nebo Crossing Church, *263 Barnes Rd, Marion, NC 28752*
- Grace Community Church, *5182 US-70, Marion, NC 28752*

## Mitchell County

- First Baptist Spruce Pine, *125 W Tappan St, Spruce Pine, NC 28777*

## Polk County

- Polk County High School, *1681 NC-108, Columbus, NC 28722*

## Rowan County –

- Rowan-Cabarrus YMCA, *5325 Langford Ave NW, Concord, NC 28027*

## Watauga County –

- Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department, *193 Smith St, Vilas, NC 28692*
- Zionville VFD, *6610 Old US Hwy 421, Zionville, NC 28698*
- Foscoe Christian Church, *8834 NC-105, Boone, NC 28607*
- Watauga EOC, *336 Deerfield Rd, Boone, NC 28607*
- Holmes Convocation Center, *111 Rivers St, Boone, NC 28608*
- Meat Camp Road
- Town of Boone PD, *1500 Blowing Rock Rd, Boone, NC 28607*
- First Baptist Boone, *375 W King St, Boone, NC 28607*

