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Programs may change or information may be inaccurate.

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1. USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) - see list of AZ & NM offices on last page

Dennis Garcia – Catron/Socorro Counties' County Executive Director)

575-835-1710 –Ext 2 Dennis.Garcia@nm.usda.gov

Paul Offutt – Grant/Luna Counties' Program specialist at Deming

575-546-9692 Paul.Offutt@nm.usda.gov

Mackey Irwin – Acting CED Grant/Luna Co – Las Cruces

575-522-8775, Mackey.Irwin@nm.usda.gov)

Websites re: Disaster Assistance:

Programs - <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing>

County Offices –

New Mexico: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=nm&agency=fsa>

Arizona: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=az&agency=fsa>

Some programs require discussion with FSA *before* costs are incurred. Producers should be encouraged to contact FSA as soon as possible with information about what they are doing. (Salomon Ramirez, New Mexico State Director)

Assistance types include:

- Non-loan funds – may include compensation for moving out of agency-permitted lands.
- Loans - Grant and Luna Counties were already designated 2 of 15 “disaster” counties in New Mexico and so qualify for low-cost loans. Adjacent Arizona counties are also eligible.
<http://www.cnjonline.com/news/washington-43657-diaster-local.html/>
- Some programs may relate to grazing permittees on federal lands losing allotments.

Programs with rapid payments include:

- **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)** – includes drought/fire on federal lands. It requires crop insurance, but there is a provision whereby producers without current crop insurance might still be eligible. The review process for non-insured would take longer.
Fact Sheet:
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstyp e=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20110201_distr_en_lfp.html
- **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** – livestock losses due to extreme weather.
Fact Sheet:
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstyp e=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20110315_distr_en_lip.html

Programs with later payments (i.e., in 2012) include:

- **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** – **Sometimes can include water hauling;** generally related to improvements actually damaged by fire (pro-rated for age), paid \$/head/day
Web page: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=ecp>
- **Emergency Livestock & Honeybees Assistance (ELAP)** – extra feed costs (weather/fire or wolf losses). Federal Register Final Rule:
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_Federal_Notices/elapandlfp_sure_09_11_2009.pdf
- **Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)** -
Fact Sheet: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/nap09.pdf

2. USDA– Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)-see list of AZ & NM offices on last page

Soil and Water Conservation Districts –

<http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu/natural-resources/soil-and-water-conservation-program>

Map & list of local offices: http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu/natural-resources/soil-and-water-conservation-program/swcd_contact_list.pdf

- San Francisco SWCD 575-539-2473 (fax) P.O. Box 119 Glenwood 88039
- Grant SWCD 575-388-1416 2610 N. Silver - Silver City 88061
- Quemado or Salado SWCD 575-772-5722 P.O. Box 136 Datil 87821

NRCS Websites re: Disaster Assistance:

Programs - <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/Mississippi-Flooding/index.html> (scroll down for program list)

Farmer & Rancher information index - http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/partners/for_farmers.html

Offices –

New Mexico (by county):

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=NМ&stateName=New%20Mexico&stateCode=35>

Arizona (by county):

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=AZ&stateName=Arizona&stateCode=04>

Emergency – Fast Funds:

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) - <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/>

The EWP can be applied to private lands. The purpose of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program is to undertake emergency measures, including the purchase of flood plain easements, for runoff retardation and soil erosion prevention to safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, flood or any other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of the watershed.

It is not necessary for a national emergency to be declared for an area to be eligible for assistance. Program objective is to assist sponsors and individuals in implementing emergency measures to relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by a natural disaster. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to remove debris from streams, protect destabilized streambanks, establish cover on critically eroding lands, repairing conservation practices, and the purchase of flood plain easements. The program is designed for installation of recovery measures.

EWP work is not limited to any one set of prescribed measures. A case by case investigation of the needed work is made by NRCS. EWP work can include: removing debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; correcting damaged drainage facilities; repairing levees and structures; reseeding damaged areas; and purchasing floodplain easements.

EWP funds cannot be used to solve problems that existed before the disaster or to improve the level of protection above that which existed prior to the disaster. EWP cannot fund operation and maintenance work, or repair private or public transportation facilities or utilities. EWP work cannot adversely affect downstream water rights, and EWP funds cannot be used to install measures not essential to the reduction of hazards. In addition, EWP funds cannot be used to perform work on measures installed by another federal agency.

Longer-term.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html#intro>

For projects located on federal agency grazing allotments, cooperative agreement with local unit required; may require environmental analysis (NEPA) and environmental surveys.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. In addition, a purpose of EQIP is to help producers meet Federal, State, Tribal and local environmental regulations.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for conservation-minded landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and Tribal land.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 reauthorized WHIP as a voluntary approach to improving wildlife habitat in our Nation. The Natural Resources Conservation Service administers WHIP to provide both technical assistance and financial assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP cost-share agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from one year after the last conservation practice is implemented but not more than 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

WHIP Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011

- Promote the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats.
- Protect, restore, develop or enhance fish and wildlife habitat to benefit at-risk species
- Reduce the impacts of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats; and
- Protect, restore, develop or enhance declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats
- Protect, restore, develop or enhance important migration and other movement corridors for wildlife.

3. FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security

General: www.fema.gov

Disaster Assistance: http://www.fema.gov/assistance/process/individual_assistance.shtm

Disaster assistance is money or direct assistance to individuals, families and businesses in an area whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance. It is meant to help you with critical expenses that cannot be covered in other ways. This assistance is not intended to restore your damaged property to its condition before the disaster.

While some housing assistance funds are available through our Individuals and Households Program, most disaster assistance from the Federal government is in the form of loans administered by the Small Business Administration.

4. New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service

<http://extension.nmsu.edu/>

The mission of the Cooperative Extension Service is to provide the people of New Mexico with **practical, research-based knowledge and programs to improve their quality of life**. The base programs of the Cooperative Extension Service are agriculture and natural resources, consumer and family issues, youth development, and community economic development.

Map of New Mexico units: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/county/>

a. Catron County Extension Office – <http://catronextension.nmsu.edu/>

PO Box 378
Reserve, NM 87830
Phone: 575-533-6430
Fax: 575-533-6930
Email: catron@nmsu.edu
URL: <http://catronextension.nmsu.edu>

Catron County Extension Agent – <u>TRACY DRUMMOND</u> (575) 533-6430
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Tracy Drummond has secured **large emergency livestock facilities** that can accommodate small home-based stock or large herds (e.g., arenas, Magdalena stock pens, Glenwood facilities). Owners provide feed, water and care. Tracy is also the contact for scheduling use of the **three livestock trucks** that have been provided jointly by the New Mexico Cattle Growers, New Mexico Livestock Board, and New Mexico Game and Fish Department. A **water tanker** has also been available.

While these services have been used primarily for small numbers of home-based livestock, they can also be used by large numbers of livestock needing to move from federal agency grazing allotments. In addition to moving livestock between allotments, large numbers can be accommodated on an emergency basis at the facilities.

b. Grant County Extension Office – <http://grantextension.nmsu.edu/>

2610 N. Silver St.
Silver City, NM 88061
Phone: 575-388-1559
Fax: 575-388-1550
Email: grant@nmsu.edu
URL: <http://grantextension.nmsu.edu>

Grant County Extension Agent – <u>PETE WALDEN</u> (575) 388-1559
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Pete Walden has been coordinating with Tracy Drummond. Grant County is prepared to provide overflow emergency refuge for livestock that cannot be handled at Catron County. He has secured **emergency livestock facilities** at the Grant County Fairgrounds and can obtain additional facilities should the need arise. With help from Dr. John Wenzel, State New Mexico Extension Veterinarian with a practice in Grant County, Pete has coordinated with the Department of Homeland Security, which will help provide hay on a short-term emergency basis. The Fairgrounds also has RV hookups for water and power; Grant County would cover costs for short-term emergency needs.

5. University of Arizona Cooperative Extension – <http://extension.arizona.edu/>

a. Apache County Extension Office

845 W. 4th North Apache County Fairgrounds
St. Johns, AZ 85936
Phone: 928-337-2267
Fax: 928-337-2276

b. Greenlee County Extension Office

1684 Fairgrounds Road
Duncan, AZ 85534
Phone: 928-359-2261
Fax: 928-359-2079

6. Wallow Fire Emergency Pasture Connection (NM) – <http://www.glenwoodgazette.com/wallowpasture.htm>

WALLOW FIRE EMERGENCY PASTURE CONNECTION

Thanks to the efforts of Joel Lawson and the many associates of Integrity Realty in Pinetop-Lakeside AZ, we have some emergency acreage spots for people with animals to move into if you are in need. Thanks also go to Laura Schneberger of Gila Livestock Growers Association for coordinating emergency pasture needs.

If you have emergency pasture [contact Joel at joel@joellawson.com](mailto:joel@joellawson.com)

If you need emergency pasture [contact Laura at roundup@gilalivestockgrowers.org](mailto:roundup@gilalivestockgrowers.org)

PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS OFFER. It is for short-term emergency pasture only.

7. Wallow Fire Info Postings & “Blog” sites

Glenwood Gazette (Glenwood, NM) – <http://gazetteonline.blogspot.com>

White Mountain Independent (Springerville- Eager, AZ) –

http://www.wmicentral.com/news/springerville_eagar/

8. New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association - <http://www.nmagriculture.org/>

P.O. Box 7517
Albuquerque, NM 87194
2231 Rio Grande Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104
Phone (505) 247-0584
Fax (505) 842-1766
Email nmcga@nmagriculture.org

The New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association has partnered with the New Mexico Livestock Board and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to provide stock trucks for hauling livestock related to the Wallow Fire emergency. Contact Catron County Extension Agent **Tracy Drummond** to request the trucks – (575) 533-6430.

9. Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, Arizona Cattlemen's Association – <http://azcattlemensassoc.org/>
1401 N 24th St Ste 4 - Phoenix AZ 85008
(602) 273-7414

The Arizona Cattlemen's Association (ACA) was established in 1985. It is the management organization that serves as the umbrella company responsible for administering the policies and programs of the Arizona Cattle Feeders Association (ACFA) and the **Arizona Cattle Growers Association (ACGA)**. ACA is the only professional organization solely dedicated to representing, educating, communicating, and providing services to Arizona's beef-producing families. ACA's goal is to strengthen market share and better position the Arizona cattle industry as we move into the future.

The Great Hay Bale-Out (Arizona Cattle Growers) <http://azbaleout.org/>

Contributions may be made via PayPal, made to The Arizona Bale-Out Fund at any Wells Fargo Branch, or mailed to Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Arizona Bale-Out Fund, 1401 N 24th Street Suite 4, Phoenix, AZ 85008

"To date, more than **90** Arizona ranching families have been tragically impacted by these fires and face an uncertain future. Local cattle herds are being displaced from their grazing lands, forcing Arizona ranchers to find alternative feed options such as hay or alfalfa.

With your help, the Arizona Cattle Growers Association will be able to provide much needed emergency relief for our ranching neighbors. The Arizona Cattle Growers Association is an IRS recognized non-profit organization.

\$15 will purchase one bale of hay and feed a cow for three days
\$250 will purchase one ton of hay, feeding 60 cows for a day"

10. New Mexico Livestock Board - <http://www.nmlbonline.com/>

Mailing Address:

300 San Mateo NE - Suite 1000 Albuquerque, NM 87108-1500 [Directions and map](#)

Phone: 505-841-6161

Fax: 505-841-6160

After-Hours Permit Line Available: Monday thru Friday: 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Weekends and Holidays: 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM (Mountain Time) 505-263-6406

The Livestock Board is identifying ways that they can assist, should it become necessary to transport livestock from Arizona to New Mexico accommodation due to the fire emergency.

As part of the oldest law enforcement agency in the State of New Mexico, the men and women of the New Mexico Livestock Board serve and protect an industry that has been operating in the western territory of what is now the United States for over 400 years. Though New Mexico did not become a state until 1912, our agency was formed in 1887 as the Cattle Sanitary Board, the Sheep Sanitary Board subsequently forming in 1889. The two organizations merged in 1967, becoming the New Mexico Livestock Board which continues today as an agency of the State of New Mexico.

Our mission is to protect the integrity of New Mexico's livestock industry. Our team of over sixty full time inspectors and another 60 plus full and part time deputies continuously patrol and perform inspections around our state to help keep our livestock free from disease and safe from theft. We are also the office of the State Veterinarian. Dr. Dave Fly and his team of veterinarians collaborate with various government and private sector partners to ensure that our state remains free of disease.

11. New Mexico Department of Agriculture – <http://nmdaweb.nmsu.edu/>

12. Arizona Department of Agriculture – Animal Services Division - <http://www.azda.gov/ASD/asd.htm>

Arizona State Department of Agriculture
1688 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-4373

Yuma Location
880 E. 24th Street Yuma AZ 85365
(928) 344-7909

Zeke Austin, Special Investigations supervisor for the Arizona Department of Agriculture, coordinated emergency livestock evacuations. He has had some private individuals with stock trailers available for emergency rescue or to hauls feed/water. While primarily for private lands, this service was offered as a contingency for Forest Service livestock in imminent danger.

13. New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau (Farm Bureau) - <http://www.nmfarmbureau.org/>

List of Agents - http://www.nmfarmbureau.org/agents_list.php

Local Agents:

Silver City: Susan Sumrall (575) 538-5864
Clay McCauley (575) 388-2322
AD Richins (575) 538-5864

Socorro
Mike Hudson (575) 835-0555

The strength of Farm Bureau is in our members and what they do. Farm Bureau members are farmers, ranchers, agri-business men and women, and people interested in agriculture, their food supply, and protecting their Constitutional Rights, especially private property rights. Our members and staff make this organization the powerful force that it is. The actions we take individually as well as the actions we take as an organization help keep American agriculture viable and secure. However, our work benefits more people than just our members.

Farm Bureau has been active in New Mexico since 1917. The first county Farm Bureau in our state was formed in Doña Ana County ninety-three years ago.

14. Arizona Farm Bureau - <http://www.azfb.org/>

County Farm Bureaus - <http://azfb.org/county-farm-bureaus.html>

APACHE COUNTY: <http://azfb.org/county-farm-bureaus/apache.html>

PO Box 2610 - St. Johns, AZ 85936

For more information contact: Liz Foster lizfoster@azfb.org 480-635-3611

GREENLEE COUNTY:

Rt. 1 Box 43 - Duncan, AZ 85534

For more information contact: Liz Foster lizfoster@azfb.org 480-635-3611

15. Gila National Forest Permittees' Association (NM) – Gila Livestock Growers Association.

<http://gilalivestockgrowers.org>

P.O. Box 111, Winston, NM (575) 772-5753

President: Laura Schneberger

See #5 above – Glenwood Gazette WALLOW FIRE EMERGENCY PASTURE CONNECTION.
Laura Schneberger is the primary contact for people needing emergency pasture.

NRCS & FSA Office Locations

NEW MEXICO

CATRON COUNTY

FSA SERVICE CENTER OFFICE

SOCORRO COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY
103 NEEL AVE
SOCORRO, NM 87801-4647

(575) 835-1710 ext 2
(575) 835-3872 Fax

Mailing Address:

PO BOX DD

NRCS SERVICE CENTER OFFICE

DATIL SERVICE CENTER
W HIGHWAY 60
DATIL, NM 87821

(575) 772-5722
(575) 772-5822 Fax

Mailing Address:

W HIGHWAY 60
PO BOX 136
DATIL, NM 87821

Stanley Towner
District Conservationist
(575) 772-5722
(575) 772-5822 fax

Dennis Garcia – Catron/Socorro
Counties' County Executive
Director) 575-835-1710 –Ext 2
Dennis.Garcia@nm.usda.gov

Paul Offutt – Grant/Luna
Counties' Program specialist at
Deming 575-546-9692
Paul.Offutt@nm.usda.gov

Mackey Irwin – Acting CED
Grant/Luna Co – Las Cruces
575-522-8775,
Mackey.Irwin@nm.usda.gov

GRANT COUNTY

FSA SERVICE CENTER OFFICE
LUNA COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY
405 E FLORIDA ST
DEMING, NM 88030-5235

(575) 546-9291
(575) 546-0038 Fax

Mailing Address:

405 E FLORIDA
DEMING, NM 88030-5235

NRCS SERVICE CENTER OFFICE

SILVER CITY SERVICE CENTER
3082 32ND BYPASS ROAD
SILVER CITY, NM 88061

(575) 388-1569 ext 3
(575) 388-0376 Fax

Mailing Address:

3082 32ND BYPASS ROAD
SILVER CITY, NM 88061

Kenneth Branch
District Conservationist
(575) 388-9566
(575) 388-0376 fax

APACHE COUNTY:

CHINLE SERVICE CENTER -
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Conservation District
TSEYI SHOPPING CENTER
CHINLE, AZ 86503
(928) 674-3612
(928) 674-3613 fax

ST JOHNS SERVICE CENTER
Farm Service Agency
140 W CLEVELAND
ST JOHNS, AZ 85936
(520) 337-4411

ST MICHAELS SERVICE CENTER
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Rural Development
Conservation District
HIGHWAY 264
SOCORRO, NM 87801
ST MICHAELS, AZ 86511
(928) 871-5038
(928) 871-4530 fax

SPRINGERVILLE SERVICE CENTER
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Conservation District
823 E MAIN ST
SPRINGERVILLE, AZ 85938
(928) 333-4941
(928) 333-2703 fax

ARIZONA

GREENLEE COUNTY:

SAFFORD SERVICE CENTER
Farm Service Agency
Natural Resources Conservation Service
305 E 4TH ST
SAFFORD, AZ 85546-2004
(928) 428-0635
(928) 428-4284 fax

WILLCOX SERVICE CENTER
Rural Development (Area Office)
656 N BISBEE AVE
WILLCOX, AZ 85643-1437
(520) 384-2229