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[USDA Farm Service Agency in Georgia to Host July 28 Virtual Meeting on Hurricane & Drought Preparedness](#)

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ATHENS, Ga., July 18, 2022 – With the 2022 Hurricane season officially underway, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Arthur Tripp, invites agricultural producers and industry stakeholders to join him in a virtual meeting to discuss what producers need to do before, during, and after the impact of a hurricane. Tripp and FSA program specialists will provide an overview of current disaster assistance programs, required loss of documentation, and related information needed when conducting business with FSA following a natural disaster event. The virtual meeting is free, open to the public, and can be attended on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 10 a.m. eastern by joining the meeting online. To RSVP and receive the virtual meeting link for this event, please email GASED@usda.gov.

“A major storm or hurricane can be devastating for farmers and livestock producers,” said Tripp. “When a major weather event disrupts an agricultural operation, the impact does not stop at the farm, the effects of the losses are felt from the field to the dinner table. Through this preparedness meeting, we will provide producers with the information and tools they need to successfully navigate available federal farm program and loan assistance should the need arise.”

USDA offers a full suite of risk management and disaster assistance programs to help producers recover from severe weather, including those impacted by hurricanes and tropical storms. FSA has a variety of loans available, including emergency loans that are triggered by disaster declarations and operating loans that can assist producers with credit needs. Additionally, producers should consider FSA’s loan servicing options if they are unable to make scheduled farm loan debt payments to FSA because of reasons beyond their control.

Livestock and perennial crop producers often have more risk management options available including the [Livestock Indemnity Program](#), the [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program](#), and the [Tree Assistance Program](#). Producers of crops for which crop insurance is not available should consider FSA's [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program \(NAP\)](#).

On farmers.gov, the [Hurricane Webpage](#), [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](#) help producers and landowners determine which disaster assistance program or loan option best meets their business needs. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their [crop insurance agent](#). For FSA and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, they should contact their local [USDA Service Center](#).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Dianne Westmoreland at (706) 546-2269, or email dianne.westmoreland@usda.gov.

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