

Disaster Assistance for Indiana's Farmers

It is very important for farmers to respond now to emergency and assistance programs; many of these programs are only available for a limited time.

Crop Insurance - Farmers are encouraged to *contact their crop insurance agent and file a claim* with their insurance company immediately.

Disaster Assistance - Official damage assessments may take several weeks, but preliminary damage assessments indicate that most areas in flood plains are affected not only with major crop loss but also sizable damage to the land itself.

Farmers are encouraged to utilize USDA-FSA's disaster tool:

- <https://www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery/disaster-tool>

Find your USDA-FSA County Office:

- <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/fsa-office-locator>

Additional information of disaster assistance programs can be found at:

- <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/disaster-assistance-programs>

Livestock and Environmental Assistance

Spill Reporting:

- To report or request assistance regarding a manure or ag chemical spill contact IDEM's spill hotline 24/7 at (317) 233-7745 or 888-233-7745 - A potential spill can also be reported to begin the prevention process.

Feed, Seed, Fertilizer, and Pesticides:

- Questions should be directed to the Office of the Indiana State Chemist via phone at (765) 494-1492 or online at www.isco.purdue.edu.

Livestock:

- Questions regarding dead animal disposal should be referred to BOAH at (317) 227-0300 or online at www.in.gov/boah.

Conservation Assistance

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) provides technical and financial assistance to citizens to solve erosion and sediment-related problems occurring on the land or impacting public waters. A member of the DSC field staff can assist you with assessing flood damage on your land and providing information on conservation funds that are available.

DSC can be reached online at <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/technical-assistance>.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

- <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/disaster-recovery/emergency-conservation-program-ecp>

Emergency Watershed Program (EWP):

- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection/indiana/emergency-watershed-protection>

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):

- <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/conservation/conservation-reserve-program>

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP):

- <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/conservation/conservation-reserve-enhancement-program-crep>