

## **USDA Assistance Available to Producers with Losses due to the Snow Storm**

### **Who to Contact:**

Here is the contact information for Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service:

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| • Berkshire County, Pittsfield            | FSA 413-443-1776 | NRCS 413-443-1776 |
| • Bristol/Norfolk/Suffolk County, Taunton | FSA 508-880-0185 | NRCS 508-771-6476 |
| • Franklin County                         | FSA 413-772-6810 | NRCS 413-772-0384 |
| • Hampshire/Hampden County, Hadley        | FSA 413-585-1000 | NRCS 413-585-1000 |
| • Middlesex/Essex County, Westford        | FSA 978-692-5163 | NRCS 978-692-1904 |
| • Southeastern Counties, West Wareham     | FSA 508-295-5151 | NRCS 508-295-5151 |
| • Massachusetts State Office, Amherst     | FSA 413-253-4500 | NRCS 413-253-4375 |

### **Farm Service Agency (FSA) Programs that May Help:**

#### FSA Emergency Loans:

The Massachusetts FSA Acting State Executive Director is requesting an Administrator's Physical Loss Notification (APLN) from the FSA Administrator for physical losses incurred as a result of the snow storm. If designated, Emergency Loans will be made available to producers.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides [Emergency Loans](#) to help producers who own or operate a farm located in a county declared by the President or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster area or quarantine area. All counties contiguous to the declared, designated, or quarantined primary counties also are eligible for Emergency Loans. To find out if your area has an active disaster declaration, [click here](#)

Emergency Loan funds may be used to:

- Restore or replace essential property
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year
- Pay essential family living expenses
- Reorganize the farming operation
- Refinance certain debts, excluding real estate

The maximum loan amount for an Emergency Loan is \$500,000.

We encourage you to contact your local office or USDA Service Center to learn more about our programs and the information you will need for a complete application. To locate your local FSA office, [click here](#) or find a listing in the telephone directory in the section set aside for governmental/public organizations under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency. Our local FSA offices will be happy to provide you with further information and a loan application.

#### Other Loans that are Available:

These loans are available anytime:

- Microloans, Farm Operating Loans, Farm Ownership Loans
- Targeted Funds to Socially Disadvantaged and Beginning Farmers
- Guaranteed Loans

For more information online: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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