

February 20, 2014

UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor Roger Ingram has provided the following information on available drought programs:

**Drought related government programs:**

Attached is information on government drought assistance programs. Roger Ingram, Placer-Nevada County Farm Advisor will be putting on a drought workshop for livestock producers in late March. For more information, see [ceplacer.ucanr.edu](http://ceplacer.ucanr.edu)

**1. FSA Livestock Forage Disaster Program**

**Sign-ups begin April 1<sup>st</sup>**, be prepared and get your application in early

This program is through USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). FSA will be funding for the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and *will be taking applications retroactively back to Fiscal Year 2012 for eligible counties which include Nevada and Placer*. LFP compensates livestock producers for loss due to drought or fire.

Click on this link for program information: <http://go.usa.gov/ByyH>  
[Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#)

**Placer County** livestock producers: call (916) 714-1104 – FSA office is in Elk Grove.  
**Nevada County** livestock producers: call (530) 671-0850 ext 2 – FSA office is in Yuba City.

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**2. NRCS Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

**Sign-ups close March 3<sup>rd</sup> at your local NRCS office**

Attached are fact sheets in regards to the NRCS Drought EQIP with the sign up closing of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014; irrigation improvements falls under this program as well as livestock practices. If you know any interested livestock producers, please have them contact the local USDA NRCS office asap.

- [NRCS Emergency Conservation Program \(ECP\)](#)
- [NRCS Rangeland Assistance Fact Sheet](#)
- [NRCS Irrigated Cropland Assistance Fact Sheet](#)
- [NRCS Fallowed Land Assistance Fact Sheet](#)

**Placer County:** Contact NRCS Mike Brenner at 530- 885-6505.  
**Nevada County:** Contact NRCS Tiffany Hayes, new District Conservationist, at 530-272-3417

Since the regular EQIP program is a continuous sign up, there are EQIP program practices for drought they can still help with like irrigation conversions, soil erosion, re-seeding and fertilizing, watering troughs and tanks, etc. but it will most likely take much longer to implement.

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**3. Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

(Contact your FSA or local NRCS office)

**Sign up deadlines: March 27th, 2014**

FSA will be prioritizing applications for water hauling and NRCS will be handling all other practices, i.e. spring development, livestock wells, troughs, etc. After March 3 until the ECP deadline on March 27, FSA will take all available practices. That being said NRCS will be funding some practices that will not be available through FSA. Through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), FSA will not be funding any fencing or irrigation. Funding will be 75% cost share for permanent practices and 50% for temporary practices.

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**4. FSA Livestock Indemnity Payment Program (LIP)**

This program compensates livestock producers for losses due to natural disaster like drought, heat wave or fire. An example would be for death loss due to extreme heat or drought lack of forage or water.

Click on this link for program information: <http://go.usa.gov/ByVk>

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Nevada County NRCS office 530.272.3417

Placer County NRCS office 530.885.6505

FSA office serving Placer: 916.714.1104 Elk Grove

FSA office serving Nevada: 530.671.0850 x2 Yuba City

Please pass this information to others.