



Disaster Assistance for Farmers

Hurricanes Irma and María caused many U.S. Virgin Island and Puerto Rican producers to suffer livestock and crop losses, and structural damages to their operations. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to helping eligible producers recuperate after these natural disasters. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to helping eligible producers recuperate after these natural disasters.

IMPORTANT: NRCS - USDA has created a direct hotline to offer assistance to producers that have been affected by hurricane María: Disaster assistance direct line: [\(787\) 303-0341](tel:7873030341)

Which USDA disaster assistance programs are available?

The USDA provides various services and programs for disaster-affected producers. The programs listed below are managed by different federal agencies. Each program has different requirements for eligibility. Contact the agency that manages the program that interests you to verify whether you are eligible for assistance. The contact information for your municipality is located in the following pages.



Photo: USDA Caribbean Climate Hub

| Disaster Assistance Programs | | | | |
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| Program / Incentive | Type | Eligibility | Fact sheet | Agency |
| Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) | Financial | Livestock, honeybee and fish producers who suffered losses due to adverse weather conditions and are not covered by other disaster programs. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/elap_for_livestock_aug2017.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) | Financial and Technical | Producer with damages caused by natural disasters. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/ecp_2015.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Emergency Loan Program (ELP) | | Producers with at least 30% of losses due to natural disasters. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/emergency_loan_program_march2017.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) | Financial | Livestock producers with forage losses caused by drought or fire. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/livestock_forage_disaster_program_april2017.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) | Financial | Livestock producers with losses due to adverse weather conditions. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/lip_fact_sheet_march2017.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) | Financial | Producers with losses caused by natural disasters and federal insurance is not available. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/NAP_for_2015_and_Subsequent_Years.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Tree Assistance Program (TAP) | Financial | Eligible tree, bush and vine producers that suffered damages due to natural disasters. Trees or bushes used for pulp or wood are not eligible. | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/archived-fact-sheets/tap_fact_sheet_oct_2015.pdf | Farm Service Agency (FSA) |
| Buy Up (Regular) Insurance | Insurance | Producers covered by this insurance from the Agricultural Insurance Corp. (CSA) could be eligible for up to 65% of the market value of their harvest. | https://www2.pr.gov/agencias/Agricultura/Documents/Temas%20de%20Interes/Porqu%C3%A9%20es%20necesario%20tener%20una%20p%C3%B3liza.pdf | Corporación de Seguros Agrícolas (CSA) |
| Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement (CAT) | Insurance | Producers that suffered losses due to natural disaster and were covered by this Agricultural Insurance Corp. (CSA) insurance program. | https://www2.pr.gov/agencias/Agricultura/Documents/Temas%20de%20Interes/Porqu%C3%A9%20es%20necesario%20tener%20una%20p%C3%B3liza.pdf | Corporación de Seguros Agrícolas (CSA) |
| Emergency Watershed Management (EWM) | Cost share | Private or public landowners that are represented by a sponsor. | https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045263.pdf | Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) |



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Which office should I contact?

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) operate from different regions of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each office provide services to producers in specific municipalities. Look for your municipality in the following tables to identify which office you should contact.

| Service Center Office | Telephone/Fax | Municipalities served by this office | Address | Postal Address |
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| Farm Service Agency (FSA) | | | | |
| <i>Puerto Rico</i> | | | | |
| Arecibo | T: (787) 878-2580 F: (855) 415-2486 | Arecibo, Barceloneta, Camuy, Ciales, Florida, Hatillo, Manatí, Morovis, Quebradillas and Vega Baja | FSA Service Center Office Arecibo County Farm Service Agency 1562 Miramar Ave., Suite 202 Arecibo, PR 00612-2863 | Caribbean Cinemas Building 1562 Miramar Ave., STE 202 Arecibo, PR 00612-2863 |
| Barranquitas | T: (787) 857-3940 F: (855) 415-2487 | Aibonito, Barranquitas, Comerío and Orocovis | FSA Service Center Office Barranquitas County Farm Service Agency 20 Calle Padre Berrios STE 1 Barranquitas, PR 00794-1640 | USDA-FSA- Barranquitas Field Office 20 Calle Padre Berrios STE 1 Barranquitas, PR 00794 |
| Caguas | T: (787) 743-2203 F: (855) 415-2488 | Aguas Buenas, Caguas, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cayey, Ceiba, Cidra, Culebra, Fajardo, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Humacao, Juncos, Las Piedras, Loíza, Luquillo, Naguabo, Río Grande, San Juan, San Lorenzo, Trujillo Alto, Vieques and Yabucoa | FSA Service Center Office Caguas County Farm Service Agency Gatsby Plaza, Floor # 3, #30 Calle Padiál Caguas, PR 00725 | Gatsby Plaza Bldg Padiál St. #30, Suite 310 Caguas, PR 00725 |
| Corozal | T: (787) 859-3978 F: (855) 415-2489 | Bayamón, Cataño, Corozal, Dorado, Naranjito, Toa Alta, Toa Baja and Vega Alta | FSA Service Center Office Corozal County Farm Service Agency 29 Calle San Ramon STE 1 Corozal, PR 00783-2330 | 29 Calle San Ramon STE 1 Corozal, PR 00783-2330 |
| Lares | T: (787) 897-4610 F: (855) 415-2490 | Lares and San Sebastian | FSA Service Center Office Lares County Farm Service Agency State Road #129, Km. 21.9, Callejones Ward Lares, PR 00669 | USDA-FSA-Lares Field Office Carretera 129 Km. 21.9 Bo. Callejones Lares, PR 00669 |
| Ponce | T: (787) 841-3136 F: (855) 415-2492 | Arroyo, Coamo, Guayama, Guayanilla, Juana Díaz, Maunabo, Patillas, Peñuelas, Ponce, Salinas, Santa Isabel, Villalba and Yauco | FSA Service Center Office Ponce County Farm Service Agency La Rambla Tower 606 Tito Castro Ave., STE 201 Ponce, PR 00716 | La Rambla Tower Suite 201 606 Tito Castro Avenue Ponce, PR 00717 |
| Mayagüez | T: (787) 831-3328 F: (855) 415-2491 | Aguada, Aguadilla, Añasco, Cabo Rojo, Guánica, Hormigueros, Isabela, Lajas, Las Marías, Maricao, Mayagüez, Moca, Rincón, Sabana Grande and San German | FSA Service Center Office Mayagüez County Farm Service Agency 637 Sur Santa Teresa de Journet Ave., Bechara BLDG Mayagüez, PR 00682 | Bechara Building Suite 2021 637 South Santa Teresa de Journet Ave Mayagüez, PR 00682 |
| Utuaado | T: (787) 894-1480 F: (855) 415-2493 | Jayuya and Utuaado | FSA Service Center Office Utuaado County Farm Service Agency 47 F.L. Ribas Dominicci Ave. Utuaado, PR 00641 | USDA-FSA- Utuaado Field Office 47 F.L. Ribas Dominicci Ave. Utuaado, PR 00641 |
| <i>USVI</i> | | | | |
| St. Croix | T: (340) 773-9146 ext.100 F: (855) 478-8386 | St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas | St. Croix County Farm Service Agency 4401 Estate Sion Farm Suite 2 Christiansted, VI 00820 | 4401 Sion Farm #2 Christiansted, VI 00820-4245 |



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| Other offices | Telephone/Fax | Municipalities served by this office | Address | Postal Address |
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| <i>Puerto Rico</i> | | | | |
| Corporación de Seguros Agrícolas (CSA) | T: (787) 722-2748 F: (787) 725-4710 | Island-wide | Corporación de Seguros Agrícolas 27 Ave. González Giusti Suite 400 San Patricio Guaynabo, PR 00968 | Corporación de Seguros Agrícolas Box 9200 San Juan, PR 00908 |
| Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) | | | | |
| State Office | T: (787) 766-5206 F: (855) 415-2513 | Island-wide | | |
| Arecibo | T: (787) 817-2473 F: (855) 415-2506 | Arecibo, Barceloneta, Camuy, Ciales, Florida, Hatillo, Manatí, Morovis, Vega Alta and Vega Baja | Arecibo USDA Service Center Caribbean Cinemas Annex Bldg., Suite 203 1562 Miramar Ave. Arecibo, PR 00612-2863 | |
| Caguas | T: (787) 743-2743 F: (855) 415-2507 | Aguas Buenas, Caguas, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cataño, Cayey, Culebra, Fajardo, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Humacao, Juncos, Las Piedras, Loíza, Luquillo, Naguabo, Rio Grande, San Juan, San Lorenzo, Trujillo Alto, Vieques and Yabucoa | Caguas USDA Service Center Gatsby Plaza, Suite 308 30 Padial St. Caguas, PR 00725-3597 | |
| Corozal | T: (787) 859-2880 F: (855) 415-2509 | Aibonito, Barranquitas, Bayamón, Comerío, Corozal, Dorado, Naranjito, Orocovis, Toa Alta and Toa Baja | Corozal USDA Service Center 180 State Road 159, Ramal 821 Interior 29 San Ramón St., Suite 2 Corozal, PR 00783-1905 | |
| Juana Díaz | T: (787) 837-4450 F: (855) 415-2524 | Adjuntas, Arroyo, Coamo, Guayama, Guayanilla, Juana Díaz, Maunabo, Peñuelas, Patillas, Ponce, Salinas, Santa Isabel and Villalba | Juana Díaz USDA Service Center Plaza Juana Díaz - B-19 Intersection of State Road 149 & 584 Juana Díaz, PR 00795 | |
| Mayagüez | T: (787) 831-3454 F: (855) 415-2510 | Añasco, Cabo Rojo, Guánica, Hormigueros, Lajas, Las Marias, Maricao, Mayagüez, Sabana Grande, San Germán and Yauco | Mayagüez USDA Service Center 2200 Pedro Albizu Campos Ave., Apt. 22 Mayagüez, PR 00680-5470 | |
| San Sebastian | T: (787) 896-3565 F: (855) 415-2514 | Aguada, Aguadilla, Isabela, Lares, Moca, Quebradillas, Rincón and San Sebastián | San Sebastian USDA Field Office 4100 Arcadio Estrada Ave., Suite 6 San Sebastián, PR 00685 | |
| <i>USVI</i> | | | | |
| St. Croix | T: (340) 692-9662 F: (855) 418-2508 | St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas | St. Croix USDA Service Center Office 4401 Estate Sion Farm, Suite 2 Christiansted, St Croix, VI 00820-4245 | |



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The [USDA Caribbean Climate Hub](https://caribbeanclimatehub.org/) is located in San Juan, Puerto Rico and seeks to develop and provide scientific information, practical tools and greater capacity to the agricultural and forestry community of Puerto and the U.S. Virgin Islands to build resilience to climate change. We support the revival of agriculture and forestry in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands after Hurricanes Irma and Maria. For more information visit:

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