



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.



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Disaster Assistance Programs				
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
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
Utua	T: (787) 894-1480 F: (855) 415-2493	Jayuya and Utua	FSA Service Center Office Utua County Farm Service Agency 47 F.L. Ribas Dominici Ave. Utua, PR 00641	USDA-FSA- Utua Field Office 47 F.L. Ribas Dominici Ave. Utua, 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		Municipalities served by this office	Address	Postal Address
<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:

Webpage- <https://caribbeanclimatehub.org/>; Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/CaribeHub/>; Twitter- <https://twitter.com/CaribeHub>; YouTube- <http://www.youtube.com/c/CaribbeanClimateHub>

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