

# Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program

# DROUGHT DISASTER

The Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program (Program), provides cost-share assistance to livestock producers with water supply shortages caused by drought.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The livestock operation must be in the specific drought disaster counties, as specified in the Governor's most recent proclamation, or adjacent eligible counties, to qualify for cost-share assistance through the Program. (See reverse side.)

A "livestock producer" means an individual who produces livestock or operates a dairy farm, who normally devotes the major portion of the individual's time to the activities of farming or ranching, and who normally receives not less than 50 percent of the individual's annual gross income from farming or ranching.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to submit to the Commission:

1. A cost-share assistance application;
2. A map and/or aerial photo of the project area;
3. An estimate of project costs; and
4. Written proof they have been denied USDA FSA cost-share assistance. The county FSA office will provide a letter of denial to the producer.

The application and additional information are available via the Water Commission's website at [www.swc.nd.gov](http://www.swc.nd.gov).

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible items include: new water wells, rural water system connections, pipeline extensions, pasture taps, and associated works, labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer to develop new water supply projects.

- The Water Commission will fund the program to the extent funding is available. Priority for funding will be based on earliest date of application.
- Cost-share assistance may only be used for water supply projects that will provide a long-term and immediate solution to a drought-related water supply shortage.
- All wells drilled with funds provided through this program must be drilled by a North Dakota certified water well contractor.
- The applicant may receive up to 50 percent, but no more than \$4,500, of the eligible costs of the project. Each producer is eligible for cost-share on up to three projects.
- Cost-share payments made through this program can be considered taxable income. Successful applicants will need to submit IRS Form W-9 upon completion of their projects before program reimbursement can be made.

The following projects are not eligible for funding from the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program.

- A water supply project started without prior approval of the State Water Commission.
- Rehabilitation of an existing well.
- A water supply project on federal or state land.
- A dry hole drilled in an attempt to construct a water well or to locate a water source.
- The construction of stock dams or dugouts.
- The development of springs.
- Projects that require repair or replacement as a result of failure to provide maintenance to an existing water source.



