Government of Alberta – Flood Recovery



This factsheet is a summary of information regarding the assistance that the Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) provides to agricultural operators. More detailed information is available in the Disaster Recovery Program Handbook for Agricultural Operators.

How does the DRP provide assistance to Agricultural Operators?

- The program offers funding to agricultural operations with assets that were damaged as the result of a disaster.
 - Helps to clean, repair and replace the essential agricultural assets back to their <u>basic</u> <u>function</u>.
 - Helps cover part of the cost of your time spent on clean-up but is not able to pay for lost production, income or wages.
 - The maximum that might be covered is the value of the item before the disaster occurred.
 Additional costs will not be covered if you choose to replace damaged property with items of greater quality or beyond what is reasonably required.
 - Damages and losses covered by other resources do not qualify, such as another government program, legal action or insurance.

Who is eligible?

Your agricultural operation must make money from the sale of agricultural goods;

- Your agricultural operation must be an agricultural operation with yearly gross revenues between \$6,000 and \$15,000,000, as reported for income tax purposes; and
- Your agricultural operation must be an owner operated enterprise where 50% of the owners act as the day-to-day managers.

What are the next steps?

- Contact your insurance company if you have not done so already. You will need a letter indicating your insurance coverage.
- Contact your local government and ask about the potential for a disaster recovery program in your area. You can obtain an application from your local registration area, online at <u>www.aema.alberta.ca</u> or by contacting Alberta Emergency Management Agency by phone or email.
- Photograph all damaged and discarded property. Include both interior and exterior views.
- Keep copies of all receipts for clean-up, repairs and replacement of damaged items.
- Start working on clean-up now and record all time spent on clean-up.
- If your home was also damaged, you may need to complete both an Agricultural Operations application and a Homeowners/Tenants application.
- Remember to obtain applicable regulatory approvals, such as permits and inspections.
 - Approval from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development for repairs involving water, such as water crossings, dams or dugouts
 - Approval from the Natural Resources Conservation Board for repairs involving confined feeding operations (CFO's)
 - o A building permit and post-construction inspection report for structural repairs
- Quotes may be required. If the costs are greater than \$5,000, quotes will be required from at least two different sources

What is covered under the DRP?

Facilities

- Repairs to facilities that are essential to the farm operation and cannot be insured are eligible for assistance.
 - DRP financial assistance is for the current site or for relocation with the same site footprint.
 - o Watering system relocation costs are not covered under DRP
 - New structures or protection measures are not covered under the DRP

Fences

• Repair and replacement of essential fences, as evaluated.

• Basic fencing will be funded versus a panel fence, unless it is can be proven that it is necessary for the basic function of the agricultural operation

Irrigation

- Assistance is not provided for irrigation equipment, as they are insurable items. However, irrigation panels attached to a building or a fixed structure may be eligible.
- Contact Environment and Sustainable Resource Development first if planning to relocate or if you are doing any work in or around rivers and streams.

Wells

• If there is silting or sign of changes to the water, DRP will provide funding for cleaning or for a new well if necessary.

Animal losses

• Losses are not covered under DRP, unless extraordinary circumstances

What are some further resources?

- 2013 Disaster Recovery Program (DRP)
 - o <u>alberta.ca/2013DisasterRecoveryPrograms.cfm</u>
- Alberta Flood Recovery
 - o <u>alberta.ca/Flood-Recovery.cfm</u>
- Flood Hazard Map
 - o <u>www.envinfo.gov.ab.ca/FloodHazard</u>

Contact Information:

Flood Info Line	Disaster Recovery Programs
Toll-free in Alberta: 310-4455	Alberta Emergency Management Agency
Out-of-province: 1-866-825-4455	14545-122 Avenue NW
8 am - 6 pm MDT (Mon-Fri)	Edmonton, Alberta T5L 2W4
9 am - 5 pm MDT (Sat-Sun)	Toll–free in Alberta: 1-888-671-1111
	Fax: 780-427-1262
	Email: <u>drpinfo@gov-services.ca</u>
	Website: www.aema.alberta.ca
Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development	Environment and Sustainable Resource
Ag-Info Centre	Development
Phone: 310-FARM (3276)	For water approvals please send your complete
Email: <u>duke@gov.ab.ca</u>	applications to:
Website: www.agriculture.alberta.ca	
Flood Information for Producers and Animal	South Saskatchewan Region - Calgary Office
Owners	2938 - 11 Street NE
www.agriculture.alberta.ca/flood-info	Calgary, AB T2E 7L7
	Telephone: 403-297-7605
	Fax: 403-297-2749
	South Saskatchewan Region - Lethbridge Office
	200 - 5 Avenue South, Provincial Building
	Lethbridge, AB T1J 4L1
	Telephone: 403-381-5322
	Fax: 403-382-4428

Email Submissions:

Calgary Office: <u>ESRD.FloodRecoveryCalgary@gov.ab.ca</u> Lethbridge Office: <u>ESRD.FloodRecoveryLethbridge@gov.ab.ca</u>

For questions please contact our Calgary office at 403-297-7605, or our Lethbridge office at 403-381-5322. These numbers can be reached toll-free by first dialing 310-0000.