Emergency Water Supply Program

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) Emergency Water Supply Program will reimburse livestock owners with verifiable water losses from the drought for 50% of eligible costs for temporary water supply, equipment and hauling, up to $4,500 per individual.

Who is eligible?

- Livestock owners who have verifiable water losses from drought and must purchase water and/or transport water to livestock
  - Water losses verifiable through the following
    - Photos
    - Written descriptions
- Must own breeding livestock
  - For the purposes of this program, breeding livestock is defined as; beef and dairy cows, bison, sheep, and goats
- Must have a minimum of 25 animal unit equivalents. The Animal Unit Equivalents Guide is adopted from the NRCS National Rangeland and Pasture Handbook
- The following will be considered “water”
  - Purchased from rural water system or municipality
  - Water from personal wells or on farm rural water is only eligible for transportation assistance.
- The following will be considered equipment for rental assistance
  - Storage tanks, transportation tanks, and other material to assist in transportation of water.

What is eligible?

- Transportation costs for water incurred between July 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021.
  - Water must be used for the purposes of your own livestock operation
- Eligibility details
  - Eligible for reimbursement of a portion of expenses based on loaded mile of purchased water delivered. Eligible mileage expenses include the following:
    - Personal mileage – rate will be set at $2.00 per mile
    - Commercial mileage – rate will be based on total amount charged
      - Expense must be per mile basis for transportation
      - Reimbursement will be percentage based
  - Receipts received for pick-up and trailer transportation will be prorated accordingly
  - Receipts for rental of equipment will be prorated based on averages of program
  - Receipts for water purchase will be prorated based on averages of program
    - If water receipt not available, please document where water was purchased and number of gallons.
    - Commercial rates higher than program average will be reduced to average or rejected
    - Receipts received at other than per mile will be based on program average or rejected.
- Must have receipts for purchased water and/or have transportation costs associated due to the loss of water supply

Completed application must include:

Applications are due Dec. 1, 2021, and must include:
1. A signed IRS W-9 form
2. Third party verification on water loss form completed by bank, county extension agent or veterinarian
3. All receipts
4. Producer must agree to terms on the application form

Submit app. / more info.

Wait to apply until water hauling is completed for the season. Apply online at www.nd.gov/ndda/ewsp
For more information, email livestockwater@nd.gov or call 1-844-642-4752.