

# 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.

## 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](http://www.nd.gov/ndda/ewsp)  
For more information, email [livestockwater@nd.gov](mailto:livestockwater@nd.gov) or call 1-844-642-4752.



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## 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