

## ***Washingtonians are subject to natural disasters, including:***

- Floods
- Wildfire
- Severe weather
- Earthquakes
- Drought

### ***These can lead to:***

- Livestock and crop loss
- Feed and supply disruptions
- Power outages
- Delays in veterinarian care or critical services
- Infrastructure damage
- Road closures
- Financial loss
- Excessive stress and impacts on mental health
- Loss of a home or way of life



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# **RESILIENCY RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURE**

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## Before disaster strikes

- Make an emergency plan, review, and update each year.
- Have insurance coverage and register your farm at the local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.
- Partner with local resources:
  - Community peer groups
  - Ag extension offices
  - Conservation districts
  - Regional industry groups
  - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs

## It starts with you

- ✓ Prepare to be self-sufficient for 3 days to 2 weeks or more.
- ✓ Perform a “hazard hunt” to identify things that need to be moved, removed, secured, or repaired.
- ✓ Identify the most secure places to keep your animals based on the hazards you may experience.
- ✓ Talk with neighbors to learn how you can support each other, including sheltering or transporting animals.
- ✓ Sign up for local weather alerts and emergency notifications.
- ✓ Maintain a portable disaster kit stored in a secure and easily accessible location.
- ✓ Keep vehicles “road-ready” with a full tank of fuel and air in the tires.
- ✓ Map several evacuation routes and practice your plan.
- ✓ Update your emergency contacts.
- ✓ Identify your animals — and keep a copy of the information in your disaster kit and with an out-of-state contact.

*Wildfire aftermath in Quincy*

# RECOVERY

## Document and report losses to:

- Your insurance provider.
- Your local emergency management office.

They may have resources and will want to know damages in the area to seek state or federal assistance.

## Depending on damages, you may want to seek assistance from:

- Local Conservation District Office
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

Visit [www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery/disaster-tool](http://www.farmers.gov/protection-recovery/disaster-tool) for additional USDA programs that can help agricultural producers recover.



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