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Livestock Drought Resources

NDSU Extension

www.ag.ndsu.edu/drought 701-231-8944

Information on a variety of drought-related topics, including livestock and crop production; lawns, gardens and trees; farm/family stress; and archives of drought webinars

www.ag.ndsu.edu/publications

To find a specific publication, use the search window on the top of the page and type in a topic or publication number.

■ Livestock

- Strategies for Managing Drought in the Northern Plains – R1819
- Alternative Feeds for Ruminants – AS1182
- Comparing Value of Feedstuffs – AS1742
- Sampling Feed for Analysis – AS1064
- Nitrate Poisoning of Livestock – V839
- Feeding Management for Backgrounders – AS1158
- Drylot Beef Cow/Calf Production – AS974
- A Cow-Calf Producer's Guide to Custom Feeding – AS1162
- Feeding Corn to Beef Cattle – AS1238
- Cyanide Poisoning – V1150
- Livestock Water Requirements – AS1763
- Livestock Water Quality – AS1764
- Livestock Water Testing Guidelines
- Cyanobacteria (Blue-green Algae) Poisoning –V1136
- Determining Carrying Capacity and Stocking Rates for Range and Pasture in North Dakota – R1810
- Range and Forage Production Sample Kits – R1838

■ Farm and Ranch Stress: www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmranchstress

- Farm Stress Fact Sheet series (six total) – FS282, FS283, FS284, FS285, FS286, FS287
- Farming and Ranching in Tough Times – FS1804
- Responding to Distressed People – FS1805
- Working With Distressed Clientele – FS1789
- Where Are You in the Farm/Ranch Stress Zone? – FS1925
- Four Steps to Managing Stress in Farming and Ranching – FS1926
- Key Coping Tools in Times of Farm/Ranch Stress – FS1927
- My Coping Strategies Plan – At Home and on the Farm – FS1928
- My Farming Resource Network – FS1929
- 12 Tools for Your Wellness Toolbox in Times of Farm Stress – FS1866

Contact your county Extension agent for more information regarding assistance, such as water screening, Nitrate QuikTest, forage sampling, ration development and stocking rate adjustments.

County Extension agent directory:

www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/directory/counties

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North Dakota Department of Agriculture

www.nd.gov/ndda/drought-resources

701-328-2231 or 800-242-7535

Interactive drought hotline map, meeting summaries, news releases, links to additional information and more

- Drought hay hotline and interactive drought hotline map: 701-425-8454, <http://ndda.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>
A resource to find hay buyers and sellers, locations with pasture available and drylot locations for livestock
- North Dakota Mediation Service: 844-642-4752, www.nd.gov/ndda/program/north-dakota-mediation-service
Provides mediation to farmers and ranchers on a wide range of issues, including disputes with federal and state agencies, wetland determinations, farm programs, crop insurance and agricultural credit
- North Dakota State Board of Animal Health: 701-328-2655, www.nd.gov/ndda/animal-health-division
Contact for concerns relating to livestock health and to report illness or death of livestock
 - Anthrax information at www.nd.gov/ndda/disease/anthrax
 - Requirements to transport animals across state lines at <https://www.nd.gov/ndda/animal-health-division/animal-movement-and-importation-requirements>

North Dakota Stockmen's Association

www.ndstockmen.org/brand-inspection/about-brand-inspection, 701-223-2522, Brand inspection for transporting livestock. Brand inspectors directory: www.ndstockmen.org/brand-inspection/brand-inspectors

Feeding Resources

These sites are open for people to list hay and feed needs, hay and feed for sale or donation, and haulers available.

NDSU FeedList: www.ag.ndsu.edu/feedlist

North Dakota Department of Ag Drought Hotline, 701-425-84544, Interactive Map: <http://ndda.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>

NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

www.vdl.ndsu.edu, 701-231-7527 or 701-231-8307

Provides reliable testing and diagnostic support services to veterinarians, animal owners, producers and the public health sector. This includes toxicology of livestock water and feed samples and necropsy of deceased animals.

ND Response

www.ndresponse.gov

Official portal of North Dakota state government that pulls together drought information and news releases from multiple state agencies

Other Drought Resources

■ U.S. Drought Monitor

A weekly map of drought conditions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

■ USDA Farm Service Agency

Administers programs to assist farmers and ranchers, including disaster relief programs. Contact a local FSA office (<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=nd&agency=fsa>) to determine eligibility for disaster relief programs.

- Livestock Forage Program (LFP): provides financial assistance based on eligible grazing losses
www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-forage/index
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): losses related to blue-green algae and anthrax can be covered under this program
www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-indemnity/index
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing and haying
www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/emergency-haying-and-grazing/index
- Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP): can be utilized for some drought-related infrastructure costs
www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-assist-for-livestock-honey-bees-fish/index
- For a full list of disaster assistance programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index

■ North Dakota State Water Commission

Administers the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program for cattle producers impacted by drought; 701-328-2750, www.swc.nd.gov/project_development/drought_disaster_livestock.html

■ North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

Responsible for managing surface water quality in the state's streams, lakes and reservoirs, which includes reporting and monitoring of harmful algal blooms (cyanobacteria/blue-green algae) that impact human use; 701-328-2372

https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/3_Watershed_Mgmt/8_HABS/Habs.aspx

■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS offers financial and technical assistance to help agricultural producers make and maintain conservation improvements on their land, including water developments and fencing. Contact your local NRCS office for more information on cost-share available for improvements. Can grant access to lands enrolled in Wetland Restoration Easements and the Waterbank program for grazing and/or haying; 701-530-2000, www.nd.nrcs.usda.gov

■ North Dakota Game and Fish Department

For questions related to haying and grazing land enrolled in the PLOTS program; 701-328-6300

<https://gf.nd.gov/plots/landowner>

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