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Additional Funding for Drought Program Approved at State Water Commission Meeting

Governor Doug Burgum and the State Water Commission approved an additional \$500,000 in funding for the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Program at the Commission meeting held on August 23, 2017.

In total, \$1.325 million has been allocated to the Program. The \$825,000 that was previously approved has already been committed to 268 projects for 195 applicants. The Program was reactivated at the Commission meeting on June 22, 2017.

The Program was originally created in 1991 and was last activated in 2006 following an emergency drought proclamation. The Program is administered by the State Water Commission and provides 50 percent cost-share assistance, of up to \$3,500 per project, with a maximum of three projects per applicant, to eligible livestock producers in designated counties experiencing drought-related impacts to their livestock operations.

Eligible items include: new water wells; rural water system connections; pipeline extensions and pasture taps; and associated works, labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer to develop new water supply projects.

The following counties are eligible to receive cost-share assistance at this time: Adams, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Dickey, Divide, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Pierce, Ransom, Renville, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Stutsman, Ward, Wells, and Williams.

The Water Commission will continue to update eligible counties and drought information on its website at, www.swc.nd.gov. For further details about the program please contact the SWC Planning and Education Division at (701) 328-4989 or email swclivestock@nd.gov.