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## North Dakota State Water Commission

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## State Water Commission Adds Benson, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Ramsey, Steele and Walsh Counties To Those Eligible For Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program Funding

The North Dakota State Water Commission has added Benson, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Ramsey, Steele and Walsh Counties to those eligible for funding assistance through the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program.

The above counties have been added due to ongoing dry conditions in the northeastern portion of the state, including D3 "extreme drought" designations by the National Drought Mitigation Center for three counties in that area.

The program 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, and materials to complete and develop new drought-resilient water supply projects.

For additional details about the Program, please visit the Water Commission's website at <u>www.swc.nd.gov</u> and scroll down to "Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program." For specific questions about program eligibility, call (701) 328-4989 or email swclivestock@nd.gov.