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Additional Counties Eligible To Receive Cost-Share Assistance Via Reactivated Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program

Expanded drought conditions throughout the state have increased the need for the reactivated Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program (Program). Livestock producers in counties impacted by extreme drought (D3) intensity levels, as well as adjacent counties, are eligible to receive Program funding.

Due to a growing area of the state experiencing worsening drought conditions, all but two counties in extreme south eastern ND are eligible for funding, those being Sargent and Richland counties.

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

The total amount approved by the commission available for cost-share is \$2,071,055. To date, more than \$1 million has been approved in support of 248 projects for 184 producers in just the first twenty-three days since the program was reactivated.

The Program was originally created in 1991 and last activated in 2017. The Program is administered by the State Water Commission and provides 50 percent cost-share assistance, of up to \$4,500 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.

Application forms and additional information are available on the Water Commission's website at www.swc.nd.gov. For further details please contact the Water Commission's Planning and Education Division at (701) 328-4989.

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