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Honolulu, HI, Dec. 8, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides technical and financial assistance to help Hawai'i farmers and livestock producers recover from damages brought on by the December 4-8 severe rain and wind. Agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center to learn about the programs available to help them recover from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses.

"USDA can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery efforts," said Chad Cherefko, NRCS Acting Director for the Pacific Islands Area. "Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land."

NRCS programs include the [Emergency Watershed Protection \(EWP\)](#) program, which provides assistance to local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards such as debris removal and streambank stabilization. Sponsors must submit a formal request (via mail or email) to the Director for assistance within 60 days of the natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites is possible. For more information, please contact Ha Nguyen, Acting Assistant Director for Engineering, at [Ha.Nguyen@usda.gov](mailto:Ha.Nguyen@usda.gov).

**More Information**

On [farmers.gov](#), the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#)  and [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#)  can help producers and landowners determine program options. For assistance contact your local [USDA Service Center](#) .

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with NRCS should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus) .

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