



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Agricultural Snowstorm Losses Must Be Reported to FSA within 30 Days to be Eligible for Federal Programs**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has received reports of significant damage to agricultural buildings across the state as a result of recent snowstorms and excessive snow loads. As of February 9<sup>th</sup>, the agency has received word that over 300 agricultural structures on 99 farms have either totally or partially collapsed. The department continues to tally losses to buildings, equipment, and supplies, as well as the significant loss of livestock resulting from building collapses.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) may have programs available to assist those who have experienced agricultural losses. It is very important that everyone who has experienced a loss due to the weather this winter report their loss to FSA within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent to the producer. Losses can include buildings, equipment, stored feed, livestock, seed, fertilizer, started plants, inventory, etc.

With regard to livestock, FSA will require documentation such as ownership documentation, normal mortality rates, and the number and kind of livestock lost as a direct result of these winter storms. Producers should track all costs including relocation, transporting feed, disposal, etc.

Fact sheets can be found on FSA's website, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Click on *Newsroom* then *Fact Sheets*.

In addition to FSA's requirements, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is also tallying agricultural losses as part of the state's overall effort to account **all** agricultural losses associated with this winter's storms. This information is being provided to Governor Dannel P. Malloy in an effort to support

requests for possible federal assistance. In addition to reporting your loss to FSA, you can help the agency's efforts by also reporting your agricultural loss to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. To report your agricultural loss, please contact the commissioner's office at **(860) 713-2500**.

FSA can be contacted at the phone numbers below:

Connecticut State FSA Office  
344 Merrow Road, Suite B  
Tolland, CT 06084-3917  
Telephone: (860) 871-4090  
(860) 871-4099 (FAX)  
Marsha B. Jetté – State Executive Director

Hartford-Tolland County FSA Office  
100 Northfield Drive, FL 4  
Windsor, CT 06095-4730  
Telephone: 860-688-7725  
860-688-0083 (FAX)  
Ross E. Eddy – County Executive Director

Litchfield-Fairfield County FSA Office  
1185 New Litchfield Street  
Torrington, CT 06790-6098  
Telephone: (860) 626-8852  
(860) 626-8850 (FAX)  
Howard E. Rood – County Executive Director

New Haven-Middlesex County FSA Office  
97 Barnes Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492-1900  
Telephone: (203) 269-6665  
(203) 294-9741 (FAX)  
Nancy H. Welsh – County Executive Director

New London County FSA Office  
238 West Town Street  
Norwich, CT 06360-6599  
Telephone: (860) 887-9941  
(860) 887-4082 (FAX)  
Ann Marie McCard – County Executive Director

Windham County FSA Office  
139 Wolf Den Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234-1729  
Telephone: (860) 774-8397  
(860) 779-0148 (FAX)  
Dawn S. Pindell – County Executive Director