

# Indiana NRCS

## Update on Flooding Disaster

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### Impact to NRCS

- To date, 44 NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection exigency requests have been submitted from the field for \$2.23 million. The need for non-exigency requests are anticipated to be four to five times this amount.



### Flooding Assistance

- To date, NRCS is requesting \$2.5 million in exigency Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), \$15 million in non-exigency EWP, and \$6 million for the floodplain easements. All counties are eligible for EWP.
- 41 counties are eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program.
- 30 counties have currently requested participation in FSA's Emergency Conservation Program.
- FSA released Conservation Reserve Program acres for livestock grazing in counties designated as primary and contiguous disaster areas because of flooding. In Indiana, this release effects 73 counties. Farmers must contact their FSA office, obtain a modified conservation plan, and receive approval before beginning to graze.
- The Indiana State Treasurer is offering one year low interest loans through the Treasurer's Conservation Assistance Program (TCAP).
- Governor Daniels created the Office of Disaster Recovery to coordinate state agency relief efforts with federal governments, public and private entities, and local governments.
- The State Soil Conservation Board established the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) to assess the needs of affected landowners through the assistance of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

- Disaster Survey teams continue to assess damage and submit assistance requests.
- NRCS staff continue to coordinate with other federal, state and local entities on assistance to affected communities and landowners.

