



IMPROVE DISASTER PROTECTION

North Dakota farmers have faced a **series of natural disasters** during the last four years. Drought, excess moisture and extreme blizzards have all threatened the survival of family farms and ranches. Congress has provided much-needed relief in each of those years, helping to keep farmers and ranchers afloat.

NDFU urges Congress to establish a **permanent disaster program** and **improve existing livestock disaster programs**. We specifically urge Congress to enact the following:

1 IMPROVE THE AFFORDABILITY OF CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus and the Emergency Relief Program have provided needed relief to producers impacted by natural disasters. However, relying on ad hoc programs is not a sustainable solution. NDFU urges Congress to **improve the affordability of higher levels of crop insurance coverage and supplemental coverage options** to provide more adequate protection from natural disasters.



POLICY BRIEF

2 IMPROVE LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Livestock Forage Program (LFP) have provided important relief to North Dakota ranchers during the last few years. However, **LFP and LIP do not accurately reflect the value of forage and livestock losses**. NDFU encourages Congress to:

- a** Include the **Livestock Disaster Relief Act** in the 2024 Farm Bill to ensure LFP payments **reflect the true value** of forage and feed losses.
- b** Permanently **eliminate the category for calves under 250 pounds** for LIP payments.

