Florida agricultural operations have been significantly impacted by Hurricane Ian and related weather events. For those producers located in counties where the USDA Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) local infrastructure has been impacted, the agency has established state-specific toll-free information lines where producers in need can receive immediate information regarding available FSA assistance. If your local FSA office is closed, you can contact the FSA Call Center at 1-877-508-8364. The line is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

FSA offers a variety of programs to help farmers, ranchers, communities, and businesses that have been hard-hit by natural disaster events. FSA disaster assistance program benefits: loans (including microloan and emergency loans for access to capital) and assistance for conservation measures, forestry restoration, assistance for livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish, tree assistance and non-insured crops.

On farmers.gov, the Hurricane resources webpage, Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.