



2024 Hurricane Helene USDA Block Grant: Future Economic Loss Application

This funding is authorized under The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (Division B of the American Relief Act, 2025 (the Act; P.L. 118-158)). On behalf of Secretary Rollins, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Farm Service Agency (FSA) agreed to provide funding (Relief Funds) to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) in accordance with the terms of the Agreement for distribution to Eligible Producers that Suffered Eligible Losses as a Consequence of Hurricane Helene Occurring in Calendar Year 2024.

These relief funds cover eligible producers who suffered a future economic loss for perennial specialty crops like Christmas trees, apple trees, peach trees, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, grapes, nursery stock, and lost turns for poultry flocks and aquaculture inventory.

Losses covered must be verifiable and not covered by insurance or other federal or state disaster programs in one of the 39 counties declared a disaster under the Stafford Act.

Compensation will be calculated based on the actual years between planting and having a harvestable/sellable commodity, which will vary by crop.

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This is a Farm Owner/Operator specific application. All inputs in this application will cover all counties related to losses due to Hurricane Helene.

This application is for all Verifiable Agricultural Losses associated with HELENE within the designated counties below. Losses include review of future economic losses of Christmas Trees, Fruit Trees or Bushes, Nursery Products and lost income related to Aquaculture and Integrated Poultry Operations.

Be sure to remember your username and password.

Once you have created your New User account, you must log back in with your credentials as a Returning User.

Please use only one application per Tax Identification Number per county.*

*For example, only use your Tax ID for Avery County once, but you may use it again for a separate application for Caldwell County.

All items marked with a red asterisk (*) are required. You will not be able to advance to the next page if all required fields are not complete or are incorrectly entered.

All uploads must be in .PDF, .GIF, .JPG, or .JPEG formats.

(Click [here](#) to learn how to change your phone's camera settings to be compatible with this application.)

Do **NOT** use the browser arrows to navigate this form.

If a field includes additional information, you may access it by hovering over the "?" icon as shown below:



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To ensure all inputs are saved, select the "Save Progress" button as shown below:

Save Progress

Prior to exiting the application, select **"Save Progress"** to save your work. This will allow you to return to the form at a later time using your username and password and complete it with your saved work.

By my signature, I certify the following:

The undersigned agree(s) that 1) all statements made in this application are made for the purpose of obtaining relief payments from the USDA block grant program administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (NCDA&CS) pertaining to future year economic loss; 2) the loss being verified and documented was mine; 3) verification and audit of the information provided in the application may be made at any time; 4) institutions will rely on the information provided and I have a continuing obligation to amend the information provided if any of the facts change; 5) I must retain financial and other records relating to the relief funds for a period of 3 years after completion of the distribution of the relief funds or until final resolution of any audit findings or litigation claims relating to the distribution of funds, whichever is later; and 6) failure to provide access to required documentation will result in a breach of agreement in which I will be responsible for refunding all relief payments to NCDA&CS.

I hereby authorize NCDA&CS to have access to all information, files, documents and records kept by FEMA, SBA, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, USDA, USDA RMA, and other agencies or entities providing disaster assistance for the designated counties. The authorization includes the release of any information, files, documents, and records deemed confidential and extends to all information, files, documents, and records otherwise considered confidential under any Federal and State Privacy Acts. This authorization shall include, but is not limited to, the right to inspect, copy or otherwise utilize, or obtain clarification or opinion regarding said information, files, documents and records, as it deemed necessary to verify or authenticate information provided in your application for relief payments.

I understand that if I intentionally make false statements or conceal any information in an attempt to falsely obtain relief payments, it is a violation of Federal and State laws, which carry severe criminal and civil penalties. I authorize the State of North Carolina, NCDA&CS, to verify all information given by me about my loss and any other criteria in order to determine my eligibility for disaster relief assistance. Further, I authorize and direct all custodians of records of any insurance company, private estimator, and/or any public or private agency, bank, financial or credit data service to release information to NCDA&CS and their representatives upon request as it relates to verifying or authenticating information provided for disaster relief assistance.

I hereby authorize NCDA&CS to share my application, data, and other relevant documents with USDA FSA and USDA RMA or any other government agency that reasonably requests such information.

I agree to obtain Federal Crop Insurance or NAP for the next available two reinsurance years. I understand that I must obtain Federal Crop Insurance for insurable crops (including aquaculture), trees, bushes, or vines, which I received payment at the 60/100 level of coverage (or equivalent) where insurance is available. Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) at the 60% level may also be purchased. Where Federal Crop Insurance is not available, NAP coverage at the 60/100 level of coverage (or equivalent) must be purchased.

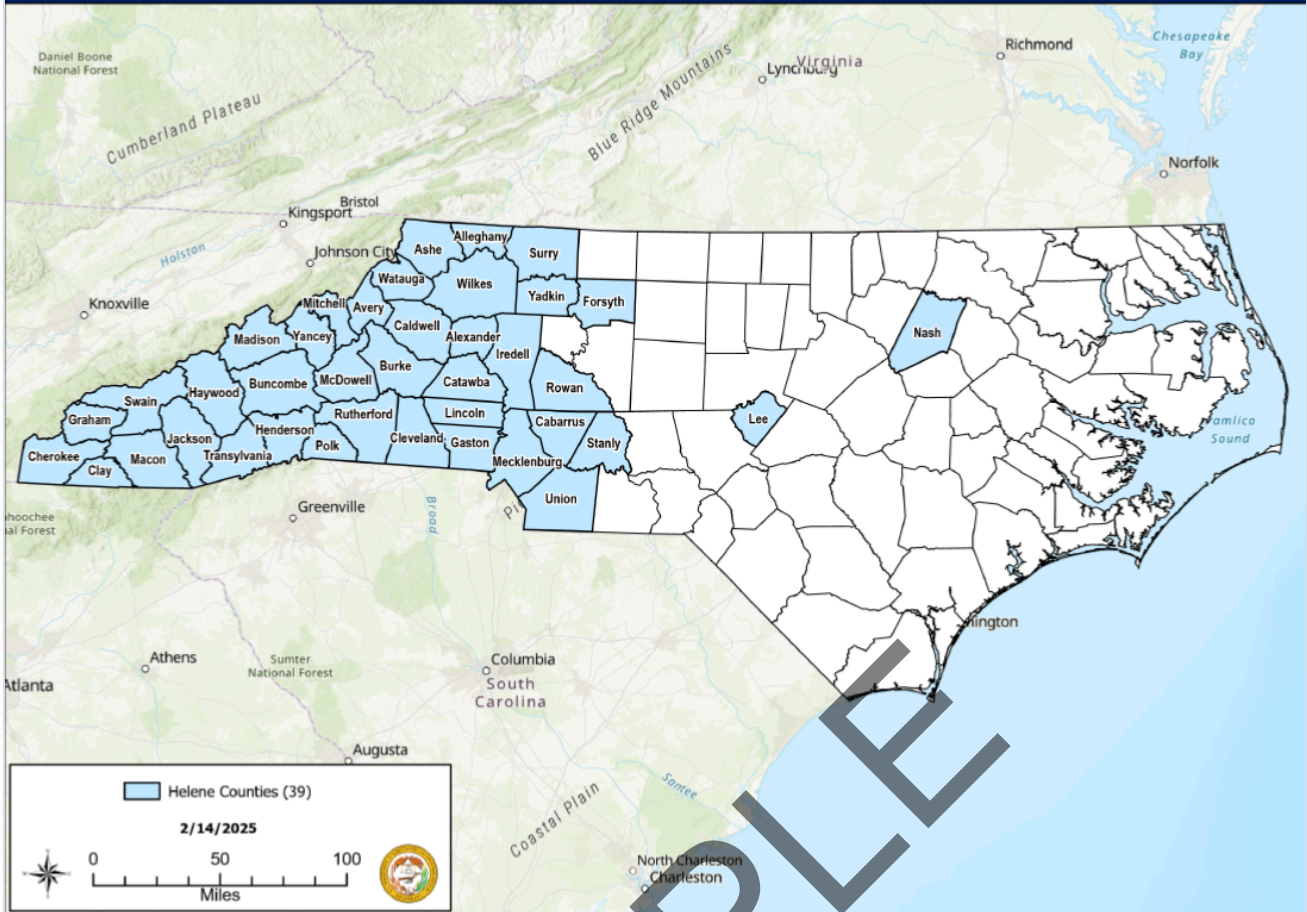
I acknowledge that providing my electronic approval is equivalent to signing this document and I understand that my electronic signature is binding. *

Yes

No

Type your Full Name: * [?](#)

Presidential Declared Counties for Helene 2024



Select the county in which the Farm Owner or Operator is located: *

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You have selected that the Farm Owner or Operator is located in [pipe:513] County. Is this correct? *

- Yes
- No

Select the "Previous" button at the bottom of the page to go back and review your selection.

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All inputs in this application must be tied to a single Social Security Number (SSN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN). You may be required to submit a Federal IRS form W9 for the purpose of matching IRS tax records.

Select the appropriate federal tax classification: *

- Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership

- Trust/estate
- Limited Liability Company

Enter the tax classification: *

- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership

Tax ID Info: List the Individual's Name as shown on your income tax return:
*This name should correspond to your USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Record.
In other words, this name should be exactly what is listed when you file your taxes.*

First *

Middle Initial *

Last *

Enter the Social Security Number (SSN) that corresponds with the name listed above. (No Dashes) *

Tax ID Info: List the Business' Name as shown on your income tax return:
*This name should correspond to your USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Record.
In other words, this name should be exactly what is listed when you file your taxes. **

Enter the Employer Identification Number (EIN) that corresponds with the name listed above. (No Dashes) *

List a valid contact name for the business:

First *

Middle Initial *

Last *

Mailing Address *

City *

State *

North Carolina ▼

Zip Code *

Phone Number (No Dashes) *

Email Address *

Re-enter Email Address *

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I applied for the previous NC Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program for Hurricane Helene and agree to allow NCDA&CS to use my information submitted to that program along with any additional related agricultural losses submitted for this USDA block grant program. *

Yes

No

Please enter your Reference Number from the State Funded Helene Disaster Application. If you have multiple reference numbers, list only one.

Do you have more than one reference number? *

Yes

No

Enter another reference number:

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Are you reporting future economic losses for Christmas Trees, that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene? *

Yes

No

Christmas Trees: enter the number of trees that have been planned for replanting in 2025/2026.

Christmas Trees using Wholesale Market

Number of Trees Replanted *

Number of Trees Replanted *

Christmas Trees using Retail Choose and Cut Market

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Are you reporting future economic losses for Apple Trees, Peach Trees, Caneberry (Blackberry or Raspberry) Bushes, Blueberry Bushes, or Grapevines that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene? *

- Yes
 No

Fruit Bearing Plants: Enter the number of Apple Trees, Peach Trees, Caneberry (Blackberry or Raspberry) Bushes, Blueberry Bushes, and Grapevines that have been designated for replanting during 2025-2026 as being eligible for future economic loss.

Apple Trees

Number Replanted *

Peach Trees

Number Replanted *

Caneberry Bushes (Blackberries & Raspberries)

Number Replanted *

Blueberry Bushes

Number Replanted *

Hybrid Grapevines (Table Grapes)

Number Replanted *

Vinifera Grapevines (Wine Grapes)

Number Replanted *

Other, please describe:

"Other" description: *

Number Replanted *

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Are you reporting future economic losses for Nursery Products, that were destroyed or damaged as a result of Hurricane Helene? *

Yes

No

Do you want to use your information from the NC Agricultural Disaster Crop Loss Program for Hurricane Helene to complete this portion for Nursery Products? Note, linkage is still required for this. See the last paragraph of the affidavit at the beginning of this application for information on linkage requirements.

If YES, leave these blank and progress to the next page. We will refer to your NC Agricultural Disaster application for this data.

If NO, proceed to entering this information manually.*

Yes

No

Plant Losses: Enter the number of Nursery Products that have been designated for replanting during 2025-2026 as being eligible for future economic loss.

Container Grown Plants less than 1 gallon

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 1 gallon to 3 gallons

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 3 gallons to 7 gallons

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 7 gallons to 15 gallons

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 15 gallons to 25 gallons

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 25 gallons to 45 gallons

Number lost: *

Container Grown Plants 45 gallons or greater

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants .75 inch to 1.5 inches

Number lost: *

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants 1.5 inches inch to 2.0 inches

Balled and Burlapped Plants 2.0 inches inch to 2.5 inches

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants 2.5 inches inch to 3.0 inches

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.0 inches inch to 3.5 inches

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.5 inches inch to 4.0 inches

Number lost: *

Balled and Burlapped Plants 4.0 inches or greater

Number lost: *

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Christmas Trees, Fruit Trees or Bushes, or Nursery Products Future Economic Loss Inputs:

Christmas Trees Replanted for Wholesale Market = [pipe:30]

Christmas Trees Replanted for Retail Choose and Cut Market = [pipe:32]

Apple Trees Replanted = [pipe:44]

Peach Trees Replanted = [pipe:46]

Caneberry Bushes Replanted = [pipe:48]

Blueberry Bushes Replanted = [pipe:50]

Hybrid Grapevines Replanted = [pipe:783]

Vinifera Grapevines Replanted = [pipe:785]

"Other" Replanted = [pipe:823] [pipe:824]

Container Grown Plants less than 1 gallon number: = [pipe:52]

Container Grown Plants 1 gallon to 3 gallons number: = [pipe:54]

Container Grown Plants 3 gallons to 7 gallons number: = [pipe:56]

Container Grown Plants 7 gallons to 15 gallons number: = [pipe:727]

Container Grown Plants 15 gallons to 25 gallons number = [pipe:729]

Container Grown Plants 25 gallons to 45 gallons number: = [pipe:731]

Container Grown Plants 45 gallons or greater number: = [pipe:733]

Balled and Burlapped Plants .75 inch to 1.5 inches number: = [pipe:735]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 1.5 inches to 2.0 inches number: = [pipe:737]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 2.0 inches to 2.5 inches number: = [pipe:739]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 2.5 inches to 3.0 inches number: = [pipe:741]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.0 inches to 3.5 inches number: = [pipe:743]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.5 inches to 4.0 inches number: = [pipe:745]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 4.0 inches or greater number: = [pipe:747]

Are the above reported inputs correct? *

Yes

No

Include the physical address(es) for each reported input:

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On the next page, please review your application and ensure it is correct and complete before submitting.

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Please review the following responses to ensure they are correct. If you need to make changes, please navigate to previous pages using the "Previous" button below.

Christmas Trees, Replanted Fruit Trees or Bushes, and Replanted Nursery Products:

Christmas Trees Replanted for Wholesale Market = [pipe:30]

Christmas Trees Replanted using Retail Choose and Cut Market = [pipe:32]

Apple Trees Replanted = [pipe:44]

Peach Trees Replanted = [pipe:46]

Caneberry Bushes Replanted = [pipe:48]

Blueberry Bushes Replanted = [pipe:50]

Hybrid Grapevines Replanted (Table Grapes) = [pipe:783]

Vinifera Grapevines Replanted (Wine Grapes) = [pipe:785]

"Other" Replanted = [pipe:823] [pipe:824]

Container Grown Plants less than 1 gallon number: = [pipe:52]

Container Grown Plants 1 gallon to 3 gallons number: = [pipe:54]

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Container Grown Plants 15 gallons to 25 gallons number = [pipe:729]

Container Grown Plants 25 gallons to 45 gallons number: = [pipe:731]

Container Grown Plants 45 gallons or greater number: = [pipe:733]

Balled and Burlapped Plants .75 inch to 1.5 inches number: = [pipe:735]

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Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.0 inches to 3.5 inches number: = [pipe:743]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 3.5 inches to 4.0 inches number: = [pipe:745]

Balled and Burlapped Plants 4.0 inches or greater number: = [pipe:747]

[pipe:513] County

Appropriate federal tax classification: [pipe:9]

Tax classification: [pipe:10]

Individual Name as shown on your income tax return: [pipe:799] [pipe:800] [pipe:801]

Social Security Number that corresponds with the name listed above: [pipe:804]

Business Name as shown on your income tax return: [pipe:796]

Employer Identification Number that corresponds with the name listed above: [pipe:797]

Valid contact name for the business: [pipe:808] [pipe:809] [pipe:810]

Mailing Address: [pipe:14]

City: [pipe:16]

State: [pipe:17]

Zip Code: [pipe:18]

Phone Number: [pipe:19]

Email Address: [pipe:20]

If the items above are correct, please click "Submit" at the bottom of the screen to submit your application. On the success screen, please retain your reference number and print your application for your records.

A copy of the application will be sent to the email address listed above.

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