

5 STEPS

for Agricultural Damage and Loss Assessment and Reporting



1 Take photos or drone images **BEFORE** cleanup occurs with date, time, and location stamps enabled. Keep a work log of all hours that you or your employees spend on hurricane cleanup and repairs.

2 Be sure to contact your insurance agent about filing claims for any damages or losses covered by insurance. File a claim **BEFORE** any non-emergency cleanup or repairs are made.



3 Report farm damages or crop/livestock losses to the [United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) Farm Service Agency (FSA) even if you are not currently enrolled in any USDA FSA programs. Information reported to the USDA FSA is used to determine eligibility for agricultural disaster declarations.



4 Investigate available disaster assistance options. A number of Disaster Assistance Programs might be available to you through organizations such as:

- [USDA Farm Service Agency \(FSA\)](#)
- [USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#)
- [USDA Risk Management Agency \(RMA\)](#)
- [Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \(FDACS\)](#)
- [Florida Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Districts](#)



5 Take the [UF/IFAS EIAP Disaster Assessment Survey](#). This survey is used to estimate the state- and later county-level production losses for agricultural operations in Florida and results are communicated to state and federal agencies to inform their decision-making processes. This survey is not formally used for disaster designations or disaster assistance eligibility, so it is critical to make sure you are also reporting losses and damages to the USDA FSA (see step 3).