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89-11-01-01. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

1. "Livestock producer" means an individual who breeds or raises livestock or operates a dairy farm, who normally devotes the major portion of the individual's time to the activities of farming or ranching, and who normally receives at least fifty percent of the individual's annual gross income from farming or ranching.
2. "Water supply project" includes the components and installation necessary to transfer water from a water source to the drought-affected livestock.

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89-11-01-02. Drought declaration required.

Funds will only be disbursed for water supply projects in:

1. Counties that have been declared by the governor to be a drought disaster area for purposes of this program;
2. Counties adjacent to the counties in subsection 1; or
3. A drought disaster area under a drought declaration that has not been rescinded.

The state water commission will determine a beginning and end date of the program.

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89-11-01-03. Applicant eligibility.

1. The applicant must be a livestock producer with livestock water supply problems caused by drought.
2. The applicant must first apply for water cost-share assistance from the United States department of agriculture farm service agency and must have been denied such cost-share assistance.

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89-11-01-04. Funding - Priority - Eligible items.

1. The state water commission must provide funds for the program to the extent funding is available. Priority will be based on earliest date of application.
2. Cost-share assistance may only be used for water supply projects that will provide a solution to a drought-related water supply shortage.
3. All wells drilled with funds provided under this program must be drilled by a North Dakota certified water well contractor.
4. Eligible items include new water wells, rural water system connections, pipeline extensions, pasture taps, pumps, generators, electrical and solar hookups, stock water tanks, and labor, materials, and equipment rentals for work completed by the producer.
5. The applicant may receive up to fifty percent of the eligible costs, not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars per project, with a limit of three projects on any land owned by an applicant.

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89-11-01-05. Noneligible items.

The following projects are not eligible for funding from the drought disaster livestock water supply project assistance program.

1. Rehabilitation of an existing well.
2. A water supply project on federal land, state land, or land outside North Dakota.
3. A dry hole drilled in an attempt to construct a water well or to locate a water source.
4. The construction of stock dams or dugouts dependent upon runoff.
5. Projects that require repair due to damage or failure to provide maintenance to an existing water source.

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89-11-01-06. Application procedure.

1. Requests for assistance must be on a form provided by the state water commission and must include:
 - a. Written proof the applicant applied for cost-share assistance from the United States department of agriculture farm service agency and was denied such assistance, including the reason for the denial.

- b. An area map indicating the location of the proposed water supply project.
 - c. An estimate of the costs of the proposed water supply project.
 - d. Verification by the applicant that the applicant is a livestock producer.
2. The chief engineer must review applications and acknowledge their receipt. The chief engineer must, within the limits of available funding, provide assistance to those persons whose applications are approved. The applicant must agree to:
- a. Complete the project within one hundred eighty days of receiving notification of approval of funding of the water supply project. The chief engineer may grant an extension of time if a written request is submitted and just cause for an extension is provided.
 - b. Provide receipt of actual expenditures, an affidavit of work completed if work is done by the applicant, or both, if applicable.
 - c. Grant to the state water commission or anyone authorized by the state water commission the right to enter upon the land to inspect the completed water supply project after giving reasonable notice to the applicant.
 - d. Indemnify and hold harmless the state of North Dakota and the state water commission, its officers, agents, employees, and members from all claims, suits, or actions resulting from or arising out of the activities of the applicant or applicant's agents or employees.
3. Application forms may be obtained by contacting:

North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505
(701) 328-2750
www.swc.nd.gov

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