



Australian Government

# DROUGHT

IN AUSTRALIA

## **Farm Household Allowance**

Farm Household Allowance (FHA) provides up to four cumulative years of support to eligible farming families experiencing financial hardship.

For more information call the Farmer Assistance Hotline on 132 316, or contact a rural financial counsellor (see below).

To apply, visit [www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance).

## **Rural Financial Counselling Service**

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) provides free financial counselling to farmers, fishers, forest growers and harvesters and small related businesses who are suffering financial hardship. It is a confidential, independent, mobile service available in all states and territories.

For more information call 1800 836 211 or visit <http://www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/rfcs/>

## **Drought Community Support Initiative**

The Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) provides practical assistance of up to \$3,000 (up to \$2,000 cash and \$1,000 in vouchers) to eligible farmers, farm workers and farm suppliers/contractors who are facing hardship due to the drought and live or work in one of the 22 drought declared councils in South Australia.

This financial assistance is being delivered by The Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul on behalf of the Government.

You can contact the Salvation Army or St Vincent de Paul to talk about your situation to access assistance to help cover urgent bills such as food, petrol and utilities. Spending funds locally will help support local businesses, who are also suffering from the effects of drought.

- Salvation Army: call 1300 551 030 or visit [www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought)
- St Vincent de Paul: call on 13 18 12 or visit [www.vinnies.org.au/findhelp/view/215](http://www.vinnies.org.au/findhelp/view/215)

## **Managing Farm Risk Program**

The Managing Farm Risk Program provides rebates for advice and assessments to help farmers prepare and apply for a new insurance policy that assists with the management of drought and other production and market risks.

For more information call the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283, or visit [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au) and search for [GO625](#).

## **Australian Taxation Office advice**

The ATO is providing tailored assistance to drought-affected communities to help you manage your tax affairs and obligations.

For more information call 1800 806 218 or visit [www.ato.gov.au/drought](http://www.ato.gov.au/drought).

For a comprehensive list of government drought assistance available, please visit  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought)  
[www.farmhub.org.au](http://www.farmhub.org.au)