

Drought Assistance

Below are the range of Drought assistance packages that are available to primary producers who own and operate farms in NSW. We can assist in assessing viability and lodging applications to ensure you are maximising your entitlements to this assistance.

NSW Farmers Assistance Packages

Drought Assistance Fund - [Link](#)

- \$50,000 interest free loan
- Primary producer
- Own & operate a farm in NSW
- Off-farm assets less than \$1,000,000
- Funds must be used to enhance the sustainability of the following:
 - Transport of livestock, fodder or water
 - Grain or fodder storage facilities
 - Upgrades to water supply & dams
 - Banking of genetic material of livestock
- Lodge an application for funds BEFORE commencement of the activity
- Funds will be released upon receipt of eligible tax invoices
- Loan is 2 years repayment free, then 5 years interest free

Transport Subsidy - [Link](#)

- Subsidy of up to 50% of the total freight costs to a maximum of \$5 per kilometre up to 1,500 kilometres
- \$20,000 available per financial year
- Own & Operate a farm in NSW
- Off-farm assets less than \$1,000,000
- Subsidy can be used for the following:
 - Transport of stock for agistment, sale or slaughter
 - Transport of fodder or water for stock to properties
- Available 01/01/18 to 30/06/19

Local Land Services Rates Waived - [Link](#)

- Automatically waived for eligible farmers

Registration Fees on Certain Vehicles Waived - [Link](#)

- Must be a class 1 agricultural vehicle
- See list for approved vehicles

Rebate on Fixed Charges for Water Licences - [Link](#)

- Up to \$4,000 assistance to all general security licence holders
- Rural & regional NSW
- Surface & groundwater systems

- Automatically waived for eligible licences

Waiver of Farm Innovation Fund Interest Charges - [Link](#)

- Available to all existing customers & applicants who submitted applications prior to 30/07/18
- Interest waived for 2018 & 2019 financial years