

## HR 3809

Emergency Food and Farm Disaster Assistance Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** House

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## Committee Activity

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2005
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2005

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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

Emergency Food and Farm Disaster Assistance Act of 2005 - Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to set forth food stamp program provisions applicable to the Hurricane Katrina disaster recovery period and the immediate disaster recovery period (as defined by this Act).

Makes additional funds available to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency food assistance for displaced Hurricane Katrina victims.

Directs the Secretary to make emergency crop disaster assistance for qualifying: (1) 2005 losses due to weather or related conditions; and (2) 2006 losses due to a hurricane occurring in 2005.

Directs the Secretary to carry out: (1) a livestock compensation program for 2005 livestock losses in emergency-designated areas; (2) a livestock indemnity program for 2005 livestock losses due to hurricanes, floods, and anthrax; (3) an assistance program for domestic catfish producers hurricane disaster-designated areas in 2005; and (4) sugarcane disaster assistance for qualifying producers and first handlers in areas of Louisiana designated as disaster areas due to Hurricane Katrina.

Authorizes the Secretary to use emergency watershed protection program and emergency conservation program funds for removal and disposal of dead livestock in disaster-designated in 2005 due to Hurricane Katrina.

Directs the Secretary to provide assistance to certain private forest landowners in hurricane disaster-designated areas in 2005.

Directs the Secretary to make grants for Hurricane Katrina assistance to: (1) Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee; and (2) other states housing evacuees or suffering damage from Hurricane Katrina or a related condition.

Directs the Secretary to extend marketing assistance loan settlement dates.

Provides temporary suspension of farm loan interest in hurricane disaster-designated areas in 2005. Extends the emergency loan application period in such areas.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide additional loan write-down authority for farm losses in hurricane disaster-designated areas in 2004 or any subsequent year.

Directs the Secretary to temporarily suspend certain administrative offsets in hurricane disaster-designated areas in 2005.

Expresses the sense of Congress regarding the need for: (1) permanent agricultural disaster relief authority; and (2) additional assistance in response to Hurricane Katrina.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 26, 2005:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Sep 15, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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