The Georgia Hurricane Helene Block Grant Program provides assistance for timber losses, infrastructure losses, future economic losses and dairy feed losses.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture is available to help you with the application process and to answer your questions:

- Phone: 404.656.3630

- Email: hbg@agr.georgia.gov

If you operate under more than one tax identification number, you must file separate applications for each tax identification number. If you have only one tax identification number, you must file one application and include all types of losses.

To qualify for assistance in any category, you must complete all required fields and upload all required documentation. You do not need to complete the application in one sitting. Click "Save Draft" before you exit. When you log back in, the saved information is available for you to continue completing the application.

You will be prompted to provide the following information:

Step 1: You have already completed the first step when you obtained a login id and password, and provided your name, tax identification number, mailing address, phone number and email.

Step 2: After logging in, click on "Go to Applications", then "New Farm Recovery Application". Begin entering information about your Farming Operation, by providing your name, entity type, tax information, GATE card number, and citizen status. After you enter your mailing address, but prior to entering location data, click "Save Draft" at the bottom of the screen.

Step 3: Under "Locations" click the Plus button

Enter the address and the latitude and longitude of your operation. Click here for instructions on how to find your latitude and longitude. Indicate if you are the landowner or if you lease the land. Click "Save Location Draft" at the bottom left of the screen. Then upload a deed, 2024 property tax assessment, or lease.

Activity

∨ Property Status

* Did you own or lease the   ⦿ Own
property at this physical
location on September 24,   ○ Lease
2024?:

* Upload the deed, 2024 property tax assessment, or lease contract for the property at this physical location

📄 Drop files here or **browse files**
Maximum file size: 2 GB

Step 4: Scroll down to enter information for 18 different types of losses you may be eligible for. If you answer "no", then you will not be eligible for that individual type of loss.
If you answer "yes" to indicate you want to apply for a certain type of loss, you will be asked specific questions about the extent of the losses and you will be required to provide documentation to substantiate the losses. For some losses you enter information in the boxes; for others click on "Add/Edit Rows", then click the plus sign to enter your loss information, then "Save" and hit the "X" in the upper right corner to close the pop-up window. Continue until you answer all 18 questions. Click "Save Location Draft" periodically to save your work.

When you have finished providing all the required information and uploaded required documentation (as well as supplemental documents you believe would help us assess your claim), click on "Check for Completion". If you receive an "Error" message, click on the error statement and it will take you to the entry that needs to be fixed. You can "Check for Completion" as often as you want. Once there are no errors, click on "Submit Location" in the lower right corner. Then click on the light gray "X" in the pop-up window.

Click on the plus sign if you operate in more than one location. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 if you have losses at more than one location.

Step 5: Go to your main application and click "Check for Completion". If you receive an "Error" message, click on the error statement and it will take you to the entry that needs to be fixed. Fix the errors and click "Pre-Submit" in the lower right-hand corner.

You will see the following instructions:

You have pre-submitted your application. After you click "Continue" you have the following 3 options.

Option 1. Complete the check boxes, sign your name by typing it in the electronic signature box and enter the date. Click the "Acknowledge" button. Your application will be reviewed by GDA and you can no longer make changes.

Option 2. Click the "Undo Submission" button. This takes you back to the application and allows you to make changes.

Option 3. Click "Save Draft". This retains the information you entered, but you still need to continue by clicking on "Undo Submission" or "Acknowledge".

Click the "Continue" button.

Step 6: To finalize the application, complete the Acknowledgement section by clicking in the boxes. You must agree to follow legal requirements, obtain crop insurance, retain your records, affirm the accuracy of the application and to provide your electronic signature. Click "Acknowledge" to submit the application.

Step 7: You may be contacted by the Georgia Department of Agriculture if additional information or clarification is required. After signup closes, you will be notified if you meet all eligibility requirements and the award amount.