

## WEATHERING TOUGH TIMES

Drought and wildfire can be stressful and traumatic. You don't have to go at it alone. If you're struggling with depression, anxiety, or managing stress, resources exist.

### **In the Grand Valley:**

Mind Springs Health

<https://mindspringshealth.org/>

Call: (970) 241-6023



OTHER RESOURCES FOR STRESS  
MANAGEMENT (CAN GOOGLE TITLES)

**Coping with Trauma and  
Disasters - From MindSprings**

<https://goo.gl/wEc8tZ>

**Colorado Department of Ag -  
Crisis Services**

<https://goo.gl/WvY2gH>

**Weathering Tough Times -  
Drought and Heat**

<https://goo.gl/m7iesR>

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The USDA Farm Service Agency provides assistance to producers for losses associated with drought, wildfire, disease, and more. It is best to go talk with a representative directly to see if there are options for you.

This website lists FSA offices by county in Colorado.

**<https://goo.gl/6SD2Et> or Google: "FSA  
Office Service Center Locater Colorado"**



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This brochure & more info at:  
<http://rangemanagement.extension.colostate.edu/>

# Surviving Drought

Resources for Ranchers



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## WILDFIRE RISK & PREPAREDNESS

- **Develop a disaster plan** for your ranch
  - *Google search: **Protect Your Operation Before, During, and After a Disaster*** - Texas A&M or <https://goo.gl/oUCqnF>
- **Share this plan** with your, family, neighbors, networks, and local emergency manager.
- **Stay informed.** Secure multiple modes of communication: cell, landline, ham radio, satellite phones.
- If managing on federal allotments, **discuss plan with Federal land managers** (USFS, BLM, other).



## DECISION TOOLS AG & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The Agriculture and Business Management team at CSU Extension provides decision tools for support during difficult economic decisions including, "**Buy Hay or Sell Cows**" and "**Strategies During Drought**"

- To access the decision tools, go to <http://wr.colostate.edu/ABM/>
  - click on "**Full Resource Index**" then click on "**Decision Tools.**" All decision tools will display. OR, use the URL below: <http://wr.colostate.edu/ABM/decision.shtml>



## ACCESSING FORAGE & ALTERNATE FEEDS

Adequate forage at an affordable rate can be one of the biggest challenges in drought.

- **Colorado Hay Directory** - <https://goo.gl/GAhgVd>
- **Hay Exchange** - <http://www.hayexchange.com/>
- **Colorado Cattlemen's Association Hay List** - [www.coloradocattle.org/haylist.aspx](http://www.coloradocattle.org/haylist.aspx)
- **Alternate feeds for cattle during drought** - <https://goo.gl/8QB4oU>
- **Alternate feeding strategies for cows & calves due to drought** - <https://goo.gl/WK8q51>
- **Nitrate poisoning & drought** - <https://goo.gl/Ypi3zo>