



Livestock Forage Disaster Program

Overview

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to October 1, 2011. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP payments for drought are equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for up to 5 months. LFP payments for fire on federally managed rangeland are equal to 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland, not to exceed 180 calendar days. The grazing losses must have occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

Sign-up will begin on or before April 15, 2014, at any local FSA service center. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

Eligible Counties for Drought

An eligible livestock producer that owns or leases grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor < <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/> > as having a:

- D2 (severe drought) in a county for 8 consecutive weeks or more during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **one monthly payment**;
- D3 (extreme drought) in a county anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **three monthly payments**;
- D3 (extreme drought) in a county for 4 weeks or more during the normal grazing period or D4 (exceptional drought) anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **four monthly payments**;

- D4 (exceptional drought) in a county for a 4 weeks (consecutive weeks unnecessary) during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **five monthly payments**.

Counties eligible for LFP assistance can be found at fsa.usda.gov. The Drought Mitigation Center has developed a tool to assist producers in determining potential LFP eligibility that may be found at: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/fsa/FsaEligibilityCounty4236.aspx>

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Outline

The **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** is a cost-share assistance program for eligible producers during periods of severe drought to supply emergency water for livestock, including confined livestock and poultry.

The following permanent practices will receive 75% cost-share assistance:

- Buried pipelines;
- Construction and deepening of wells;
- Troughs when mounted on concrete or similar foundation;
- Solar panels;
- Submersible pumps.

The following temporary practices will receive 50% cost-share assistance:

- Above-ground pipe;
- Spring developments;
- Earthen tanks where a source of underground water is available;
- Dugouts and development of seeps;
- Portable water troughs, stock tanks or tubs.

Hauling water to livestock is also available for cost share assistance.

Components NOT authorized for cost-share assistance:

- Constructing pipelines to supply water for vegetable or other short-term crops;
- Establishing permanent or temporary vegetative cover;
- Livestock water facilities to make it possible to graze crop residues, field borders, temporary or supplemental pasture crops;
- Water facilities primarily for headquarters;
- Livestock water facilities to provide water on land on which the cover will be used for:
 - * *Hay, silage, and/or field chopped and hauled to headquarters for feeding
- Dry wells;
- Above-ground pumps or motors.

Sign-up for ECP began on February 11, 2014 and will end March 27, 2014.

Please contact your County Farm Service Agency office if you are interested in participating in Emergency Conservation Program and to schedule an onsite inspection.



Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP)

Overview

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law, including wolves and avian predators. LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock on the day before the date of death of the livestock as determined by the Secretary.

Sign-up will begin on or before April 15th, 2014, at any local FSA service center. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

Eligible Livestock Owners

An eligible livestock owner must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock death loss occurred.

Eligible livestock includes: beef cattle, dairy cattle, bison, poultry, sheep, swine, horses, and other livestock as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Eligible contract growers must be in possession of the eligible livestock at the time death occurred.

Livestock Death Loss Documentation

Livestock owners should record all pertinent information of livestock death losses due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law.

Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by such items as:

- photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible
- purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents
- written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes, private insurance documents, and other similar reliable documents.

Additional information regarding LIP assistance can be found at fsa.usda.gov.

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