

## Points to Know

### Livestock Indemnity Program—LIP

#### Eligible Livestock

- Must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event (floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat, extreme cold)
- Must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation (cannot be used for reasons other than commercial use such as wild free roaming animals, pets or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, roping or for show).

#### Applying for LIP benefits

- Producers should submit a notice of loss and application for payment (CCC-852) at their local FSA office that maintains their farm records (their administrative county).
- This application must be submitted the earlier of:
  - 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the producer; or
  - 90 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred.
- Applicants should provide all relevant information regarding inventory prior to and following the disaster event, including but not limited to:
  - Photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible
  - Purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents, rendering truck receipts or certificates
  - Documentation to provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock deaths occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event\
- In the event that verifiable inventory or loss records are not available, FSA will accept reliable records in conjunction with verifiable beginning and ended inventory records as proof of death. Reliable records may include, but are not limited to:
  - Contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of the adverse weather event;
  - Dated pictures
  - Brand inspection records
  - Third party certifications documented on the form CCC-854

#### Individual/Entity Eligibility

- In applying for benefits, the limitation on average adjusted gross income must be met. An individual or entity is ineligible for payment under LIP if the average AGI of the individual or entity exceeds \$900,000. This is documented on the CCC-941 which looks at a 3 year, adjusted gross income.
- There is a \$125,000 paylimit which includes all payments under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and LIP combined.

## Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)-Livestock Assistance

The ELAP program is intended to provide disaster assistance for destroyed feed, destroyed grazing, feed purchased in excess of normal as a result of an eligible disaster condition and for livestock death losses not eligible for coverage under the LIP program.

### Eligible Livestock

- Livestock numbers must be collected as well as where the cattle are maintained. Eligible livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock feed and grazing losses under ELAP.
- In addition, if the livestock would not have normally been grazing a certain pasture/farm during the time where the disaster event occurred, then that land is not eligible for payment.
- These livestock must be maintained for commercial use as part of the producer's farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition. These livestock numbers are used in the loss calculation.

### Eligible Grazing Losses

- Losses must have occurred during the State Committee established grazing period to be eligible for ELAP benefits.
  - This excludes all grass pasture which do not start their grazing period until May
  - Seeded small grain forage crops that are planted with the specific purpose of harvesting forage or see are also ineligible for lost grazing benefits.
- Producers **must** provide verifiable or reliable documentation of either of the following:
  - Additional livestock feed fed above normal quantities, required to maintain the livestock until additional feed is available
  - Proof of removing the livestock from the effected pasture.

### Eligible Feed Losses

- Eligible feed losses include:
  - Purchased forage or feedstuffs;
  - Mechanically harvested forage or feedstuffs
  - Resulting from the additional costs of purchasing additional feed, above normal quantities, required to maintain eligible livestock during an eligible adverse either or loss condition, until additional livestock feed becomes available (not to exceed 150 days of lost feed).
- Producers must provide verifiable or reliable records to support the destroyed feed or feed purchase in excess of normal, including but not limited to:
  - Original receipts or summary purchase receipts
  - Custom cutting/harvesting contracts/receipts
  - Documentation and evidence that the production of mechanically harvested feedstuffs is normally done by the applicant (if they produce and harvest it themselves), average bale weights, type of hay, etc

- For additional feed purchases:
  - Provide verifiable for reliable documentation such as original receipts or summary purchase receipts for forage or feed stuffs that was purchased by the participant as part of the participant's normal business operation from the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition until the date additional livestock feed becomes available for the:
    - program year in which additional feed costs are being claimed
    - year immediately preceding the program year for which additional feed costs are being claimed
    - second year preceding the program year for which additional feed costs are being claimed.

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