



# DISASTER RECOVERY

LOSS DOCUMENTATION - LIVESTOCK

## Have you suffered excessive livestock death losses? Have you suffered grazing losses or feed losses?

If you answered, "yes," you may be eligible for federal assistance through Farm Service Agency's **Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program** (ELAP), **Livestock Forage Disaster Program** (LFP) or **Livestock Indemnity Program** (LIP).

Producers should record all pertinent information regarding livestock losses due to eligible adverse weather or loss condition, including:

- For grazing losses, timely file form FSA-578 Report of Acreage with FSA on leased and/or owned acreage, and provide lease documentation for the pastureland/rangeland where the loss occurred;
- Documentation of pastureland/rangeland leases;
- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;
- Documentation that injured livestock were sold at a reduced price, including livestock auction sales receipts, rendering facility or processing plant receipts;
- Rendering truck receipts by kind, type and weight - important to document prior to disposal;
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Documentation from Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Natural Resources, or other sources to substantiate eligible death loss due to an eligible attack by an animal reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law;
- Veterinarian certification that livestock deaths, due to disease, were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good husbandry and management;
- Documentation that livestock were removed from grazing pastures or were fed additional feed above normal quantities due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- Costs of transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock, such as receipts for equipment rental fees for hay lifts;
- Feed purchase receipts if feed supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

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