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The Farm Service Agency offers several disaster assistance programs to farmers and landowners. To speed up the application process below is a summary of information needed on your initial visit to the Farm Service Agency. Please contact your local FSA office for more details.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Offers protection from production losses, due to weather, on crops that are not insurable. To be eligible for assistance a producer must have applied for coverage and paid service fees prior to the sales closing date for the crop.

Filing a Loss:

- FSA must be notified within 72 hours of the loss being apparent and follow up with a written notice of loss within 15 days. Notify the FSA office as soon as possible even if past the deadlines
- You will need to provide the crop, date of loss, amount of any harvested production, and cause of loss.
- Do not destroy the crop until an inspection is completed by a loss adjuster.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Offers cost share assistance for removing debris from farmland; grading, shaping, or releveling cropland; restoring permanent fences; and restoring conservation structures.

Filing for Assistance:

- A signup period will be announced in each county
- You will need to provide the follow information
  - Type of damage
  - Extent of damage
  - Estimate of what is needed to repair
    - Type of equipment, number of hours, materials, labor

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Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Provides financial assistance to livestock producers for livestock or poultry deaths due to a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance within 30 days of deaths
- You will need to provide the following information:
  - Type of Livestock
  - Total beginning and ending inventory
  - Number of deceased livestock (Verification of deaths)
- Deaths must be due to eligible natural disaster
- Contract growers are eligible (Need copy of grower contract)

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

Provides financial assistance to producers that have lost feed in storage that was harvested, or purchased, by the producer to feed their livestock. Also offers assistance for losses of honeybees (hives or colonies), or farm raised fish, not used for food.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance by November 1, 2016
- You will need to provide the follow information
  - Total Inventory before lost
  - Amount lost
  - Verification of losses will be needed

Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

Provides financial assistance to commercial producers of nurseries, orchards, or vineyards who suffered losses due to a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Apply for assistance within 90 days of damage
- Must have a crop report with FSA
- Must show that loss was due to disaster (Ex: pictures)
- Loss Adjuster must inspect damage and determine the total number of plants before the disaster, and the total number of surviving plants

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Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

Provides financial assistance to landowners to restore forestland damaged by a natural disaster.

Filing for Assistance:

- Program must be approved for the county
- Signup period will be announced for each county
- You will need to provide the follow information
  - Number of acres damaged
  - Type of trees

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EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM –EXAMPLES OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR APPLICATION

******TAKE PICTURES OF DAMAGE TO TURN INTO FSA******
******ALLOW FSA ON THE FARM FOR AN ON-SITE INSPECTION******

EC1, Removing Debris from Farmland

- Labor, self or hired – # of hours, rate/hour
- Farm Tractor – # of hours, rate/hour
- Backhoe – # of hours, rate/hour
- Dump Truck – # of hours, rate/hour
- Backhoe – # of hours, rate/hour
- Loader – # of hours, rate/hour
- Trackhoe – # of hours, rate/hour
- Chainsaw/Operator, self or hired - # of hours, rate/hour

EC2, Grading, Shaping Releveling, or Similar Measure

- Labor, self or hired – # of hours, rate/hour
- Grading – # of acres, rate/acre
- Single Axle Truck Load of Dirt - # of loads, rate/each
- Dual Axle Truck Load of Dirt - # of loads, rate/each
- Bulldozer/Operator/Hired - # of hours, rate/hour
- Bulldozer/Operator/Self - # of hours, rate/hour
- Land Smoothing - # of acres, rate/hour

EC3, Restoring Permanent Fences

Type of fence: livestock inclusion or exclusion fence, cross fences, boundary fences, cattle gates

- Permanent Electric - 3-strand with gate - # of linear feet, rate/LF
- Permanent Non-Electric - # of linear feet, rate/LF
- Permanent Gates - # of gates, rate/each
- Silt to install or maintain fence - # of linear feet, rate/LF
- Labor, self or hired - # of hours, rate/hour

EC4, Restring Conservation Structures and Other Installations

Structures covered: Dams, ponds, and other water impoundments for **agricultural use**, sod waterways, installed open or closed drainage systems, diversions, terrace systems, structures for the protection of outlets or water channels before the disaster, wells, springs, pipelines, buried mainlines, diches and other permanently installed systems, animal waste lagoons **outside the 100- year floodplain**. **NOT COVERED: ROADWAYS INCLUDING FIELD ROADS.**

NOTE: NRCS has technical responsibility for EC4. All structures and other installations MUST be restored to meet the NRCS standard.

- Items to be used will be based on NRCS needs determination

Note: Examples of items needed is not all inclusive. Practices will be requested by farm/tract.

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Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance

Disaster programs	Blizzard	Fire	Hurricane/ Typhoon	Excessive Moisture/ Flood	Excessive Winds/ Tornado	Drought	Hail	Volcanic Eruption/ Emissions	Freeze	Earthquake
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) - provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events such as floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) - provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires.	Yes	Yes, except on federally managed land	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except for water transportat ion	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Loan Program (EM) - provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Livestock Forage Disaster - Program (LFP) - provides compensation for grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or certain crops planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on Federally managed land during the normal grazing period for the county.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) - provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except when associated with anthrax	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - provides financial assistance for noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters.	Yes	Yes, Only as a related condition to an eligible disaster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or, where applicable, rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines lost by natural disasters.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Other natural disasters that may apply to some of these programs include:

- Explosion
- High water
- Landslide
- Mudslide
- Severe snowstorm
- Storm, including ice storms
- Tidal wave
- Wind-driven water
- Insect infestation
- Plant disease
- Lightning
- Other **natural** phenomena

Some man-made conditions qualify for disaster assistance, as follows:

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Disaster programs	Pesticide Contamination	Nuclear Radiation/Fallout	Toxic Substances Other Than Pesticides	Chemical Residue Other Than Pesticides
Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP) - Pays dairy producers when a public regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the FSA disaster programs, visit your local FSA county office or Service Center, or visit online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index. To find your local FSA county office, visit http://offices.usda.gov

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

OVERVIEW

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and to implement emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Available funding for ECP is determined annually by Congress.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ECP is administered by FSA state and county committees. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected members of FSA county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which is authorized by the FSA national office. To learn more about FSA county committees, visit **www.fsa.usda.gov/elections**.

LAND ELIGIBILITY

FSA county committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damaged land and the type and extent of damage. For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

- Impair or endanger the land;
- Materially affect the land's productive capacity;
- Represent unusual damage that, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area and;
- Be so costly to repair that federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.

Conservation problems existing before the applicable disaster event are ineligible for ECP assistance.

PAYMENTS

As determined by FSA county committees, ECP participants may receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices. Qualified limited-resource producers may receive cost-share assistance of up to 90 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices.

Individual or cumulative requests for cost-share assistance of $50,000 or less per person or legal entity, per disaster are approved at the county committee level. Cost-share assistance requests exceeding $50,000 require approval from the state committee or national office. Cost-share assistance is limited to $200,000 per person or legal entity per disaster.

Technical assistance may be provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ELIGIBLE CONSERVATION PRACTICES

To rehabilitate farmland, ECP participants may implement emergency conservation practices, such as:

- Debris removal from farmland;
- Grading, shaping or leveling land;
- Restoring livestock fences and conservation structures and;
- Providing water for livestock during periods of severe drought.

Other conservation measures may be authorized by FSA county committees with approval from FSA state committees and the FSA national office.

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Producers should inquire with their local FSA county office regarding ECP enrollment periods, which are established by FSA county committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information on ECP is available at FSA offices, local USDA service centers and on FSA's website at **http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov**. To find your local FSA office, visit online at **http://offices.usda.gov**.

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Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program

OVERVIEW

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized up to $20 million of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds each fiscal year for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions, including blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by other disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, such as losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Recipients of ELAP payments may receive a reduced payment should the total annual national demand for ELAP exceed $20 million in a fiscal year.

ELAP is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ELIGIBLE LOSSES

ELAP provides assistance for livestock death losses; feed and grazing losses that are not due to drought or wildfires on federally managed lands; losses resulting from the cost of transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought; losses resulting from the additional cost associated with gathering livestock for treatment related to cattle tick fever, honeybee feed, colony and hive losses; and farm-raised fish feed and death losses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT CALCULATIONS

For additional information regarding eligibility requirements and payment calculations for a specific type of livestock, honeybee and/or farm-raised fish loss, see the ELAP - Farm-Raised Fish Assistance, ELAP - Honeybee Assistance or ELAP - Livestock Assistance fact sheet at **www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP**.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

No person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may receive, directly or indirectly, more than $125,000 total in payments under ELAP, LFP and LIP combined. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of average AGI will apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an average AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds $900,000 will not be eligible to receive ELAP payments.

Direct attribution provisions also apply to ELAP. Under direct attribution, any payment to a legal entity will also be considered for payment limitation purposes to be a payment to persons or legal entities with an interest in the legal entity or in a sub-entity. To learn more, visit the Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitations fact sheet at **www.fsa.usda.gov/payment-limitations**.

APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

Producers can apply to receive ELAP assistance at local FSA service centers. For the 2016 program year and subsequent program year losses, the application period will end no later than Nov. 1 after the end of the program year in which the livestock, honeybee and/or farm-raised fish loss occurred.

In addition to submitting an application for payment, producers who suffered losses must submit a notice of loss to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and application for payment for losses.

Date of Loss	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Program year 2016 and subsequent program years	30 days after loss is apparent	Nov. 1 after the program year in which the loss occurred

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. To find more information about ELAP, visit **www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP** or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit **http://offices.usda.gov**.

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Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

OVERVIEW

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster. Available funding for EFRP is determined annually by Congress.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

EFRP is administered by FSA state and county committees and offices. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected members of FSA county committees are authorized to implement EFRP for all disasters except drought and insect infestations, which are authorized at the FSA national office. To learn more about FSA county committees, visit **www.fsa.usda.gov/elections**.

LAND ELIGIBILITY

FSA county committees determine land eligibility using on-site damage inspections that assess the type and extent of damage. To be eligible for EFRP, NIPF land must:

- Have existing tree cover (or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and is suitable for growing trees) and;
- Be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has definitive decision-making authority over the land.

In addition, the natural disaster must have resulted in damage that, if untreated, would:

- Impair or endanger the natural resources on the land and;
- Materially affect future use of the land.

PAYMENTS

EFRP program participants may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency forest restoration practices as determined by FSA county committees.

Individual or cumulative requests for financial assistance of $50,000 or less per person or legal entity, per disaster are approved by the county committee. Financial assistance from $50,001 to $100,000 is approved by the state committee. Financial assistance over $100,000 must be approved at the FSA national office. A payment limitation of $500,000 per person or legal entity applies per disaster.

ELIGIBLE FOREST RESTORATION PRACTICES

To restore NIPF, EFRP program participants may implement emergency forest restoration practices, including emergency measures:

- Necessary to repair damage caused by a natural disaster to natural resources on nonindustrial private forest land and;
- Restore forest health and forest related resources on the land.

Other emergency measures may be authorized by FSA county committees, with approval from FSA state committees and the FSA national office.

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Producers should check with their local FSA county offices regarding EFRP enrollment periods, which are set by FSA county committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on EFRP is available at FSA offices, USDA service centers and on the FSA website at **http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov** and **www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation**. To find your local FSA office, visit **http://offices.usda/gov**.

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Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

OVERVIEW

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) to provide benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. In addition, LIP covers 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.

The 2014 Farm Bill makes LIP a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to Oct. 1, 2011.

LIP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA).

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK OWNERS

To be eligible for LIP, a livestock producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died.

Owners of the following types of livestock may be eligible for LIP:

Cattle	Poultry	Swine	Other
Adult Beef Bulls	Chickens, Broilers, Pullets (regular size)	Swine, Feeder Pigs (less than 50 pounds)	Alpacas
Adult Beef Cows	Chickens, Chicks	Swine, Sows, Boars, Barrows, Gilts (50 to 150 pounds)	Deer
Adult Buffalo, Beefalo Bulls	Chickens, Layers, Pullets/Cornish Hens (small size)	Swine, Sows, Boars, Barrows, Gilts (151 to 450 pounds)	Elk
Adult Buffalo, Beefalo Cows	Ducks	Swine, Sows, Boars (over 450 pounds)	Emus
Adult Dairy Bulls	Ducks, Ducklings		Equine
Adult Dairy Cows	Geese, Goose		Goats, Bucks
Non-Adult Beef Cattle	Geese, Goslings		Goats, Nannies
Non-Adult Buffalo/Beefalo	Turkeys, Poults		Goats, Slaughter Goats/Kids
Non-Adult Dairy Cattle	Turkeys, Toms, Fryers, Roasters		Llamas
			Reindeer
			Sheep, Ewes
			Sheep, Lambs
			Sheep, Rams

To be eligible for LIP, an owner's livestock must:

- Have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event occurring;
  - On or after Oct. 1, 2011, and;
  - No later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event, and;
  - In the calendar year for which benefits are requested.
- Have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the day they died and;
- Not have been produced for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Excluded livestock includes wild free roaming animals, pets or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, roping or for show.

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK CONTRACT GROWERS

To be eligible for LIP, a contract grower must have had the following on the day the livestock died:

- Possession and control of the eligible livestock and;
- A written agreement with the eligible livestock owner setting the specific terms, conditions and obligations of the parties involved regarding the production of livestock.

In addition to the requirements listed for livestock owners above, the only eligible livestock of contract growers under LIP are poultry and swine.

PAYMENTS

LIP payments are calculated by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category by the number of eligible livestock in each category. National payment rates are found at the end of this fact sheet.

The LIP national payment rate for eligible livestock owners are based on 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.

The LIP national payment rate for eligible livestock contract growers are based on 75 percent of the average income loss sustained by the contract grower with respect to the dead livestock.

A contract grower's LIP payment will be reduced by the amount of monetary compensation received from their contractor for the loss of income suffered from the death of livestock under contract.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS AND ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI)

For 2012 and subsequent program years, no person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may receive directly or indirectly, more than $125,000 total in payments under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program and LIP combined.

In applying the limitation on average adjusted gross income , an individual or entity is ineligible for payment under LIP if the average AGI of the individual or entity exceeds $900,000.

Direct attribution provisions apply to LIP for 2011 and subsequent years. Under direct attribution, any payment to a legal entity also will be considered for payment limitation purposes to be a payment to persons or legal entities with an interest in the legal entity or in a sub-entity.

For more information on payment limitations, visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20140328_in-sup_en_pmtlmt.html

APPLYING FOR LIP

Producers may apply to receive LIP benefits at local FSA offices.

Producers who suffer livestock death losses should submit a notice of loss and an application for payment to the local FSA office that maintains their farm records.

To be eligible, the notice of loss must be submitted the earlier of:

- 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the producer; or
- 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and application for payments:

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2015 and all subsequent years	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30 after the calendar year in which the loss occurred.

The producer must include a copy of the grower contract if he/she is a contract grower and any other supporting documents required for determining eligibility. Supporting documents must show evidence of loss, current physical location of livestock in inventory and location of the livestock at the time of death.

Payments may be made for eligible losses suffered by an eligible producer who is now deceased or for a dissolved entity if a currently authorized representative signs the application for payment. Proof of authority to sign for a deceased individual or dissolved entity must be provided. If a producer is a dissolved entity, all former members at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representative(s) must sign the application for payment.

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, 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;
- Written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes, private insurance documents, and other similar reliable documents.

Applicants must provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock deaths occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event or eligible attack by an eligible animal or avian predator in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. The quantity and kind of livestock that died as a direct result of the eligible event may be documented by:

- Purchase records;
- Veterinarian records;
- Bank or other loan documents;
- Rendering truck receipts or certificates;
- Federal Emergency Management Agency records;
- National Guard records;
- Written contracts;
- Production records;
- Records assembled for tax purposes;
- Property tax records;
- Private insurance documents;
- Similar documents.

If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, FSA will accept reliable records in conjunction with verifiable beginning and ending 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;
- Pictures(s) with a date;
- Brand inspection records;
- Dairy herd improvement records; and
- Similar reliable documents.

FSA will accept certifications of livestock deaths by third parties on form CCC-854 along with

verifiable beginning and ending inventory documentation if the following conditions are met:

- The livestock owner or livestock contract grower, as applicable, certifies in writing:
  - That there is no other documentation of death available;
  - The number of livestock in inventory at the time of the adverse weather event.
- The third party provides their telephone number, address and a written statement containing:
  - Specific details about their knowledge of the livestock deaths;
  - Their affiliation with the livestock owner;
  - The accuracy of the deaths claimed by the livestock owner.

FSA will use data furnished by the applicant to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, without all required data program benefits will not be approved or provided.

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Table 1: LIP Payment Rates for Eligible Livestock Owners (these rates have been reduced by the required 75%)			
Kind	**Type**	**Weight Range**	**2015 Payment Rate Per Head**
Alpacas			270.00
Beef	Adult	Bull	$1,965.78
		Cow	$1,512.14
	Nonadult	Less than 400 pounds	$716.48
		400 to 799 pounds	$1,136.61
		800 pounds or more	$1,375.41
Buffalo/ Beefalo	Adult	Bull	$2,495.75
		Cow	$1,331.07
	Nonadult	Less than 400 pounds	$680.66
		400 to 799 pounds	$1,079.78
		800 pounds or more	$1,306.64
Chickens	Broilers/ Pullets (Regular Size)		$2.57
	Chicks		$0.22
	Layers		$19.61
	Pullets/ Cornish Hens (Small Size)		$1.65
	Roasters		$3.32
Dairy	Adult	Bull	$1,475.00
		Cow	$1,475.00
	Nonadult	Less than 400 pounds	$368.75
		400 to 799 pounds	$737.50
		800 pounds or more	$1,191.35
Deer			$518.11
Ducks	Ducklings		$0.67
	Ducks		$4.19
Elk			$719.19
Emus			$206.67
Equine			$878.34
Geese	Goose		$15.78
	Gosling		$3.31
Goats	Bucks		$136.35
	Nannies		$110.45
	Slaughter Goats/Kids		$78.58
Llamas			$217.50
Reindeer			$518.11
Sheep	Ewes		$136.34
	Lambs		$169.24
	Rams		$143.97
Swine	Feeder Pigs	Less than 50 pounds	$66.15
	Lightweight Barrows/Gilts	50 to 150 pounds	$93.93
	Sows/Boars/Barrows/Gilts	151 to 450 pounds	$121.71
	Boars/Sows	450 pounds or more	$305.48
Turkeys	Poults		$1.25
	Toms/Fryers/roasters		$14.58

Table 2: LIP Payment Rates for Eligible Livestock for Livestock Contract Growers (rates have been reduced by the required 75%)			
Kind	**Type**	**Weight Range**	**2015 Payment Rate Per Head**
Chickens	Broilers, Pullets (Regular Size)		$0.28
	Layers		$1.18
	Pullets, Cornish Hens (Small Size)		$0.18
	Roasters		$0.36
Ducks			$0.46
Geese			$2.31
Swine	Feeder pigs	Less than 50 pounds	$7.51
	Lightweight Barrows, Gilts	50 to 150 pounds	$14.11
	Sows, Boars, Barrows, Gilts	151 to 450 pounds	$18.28
	Boars, Sows	450 pounds or more	$125.54
Turkeys	Toms, Fryers, Roasters		$1.60