



## Livestock: Disaster Financial Preparedness for Farmers 101

Farm Bill programs are accessed through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Below is an overview of those programs as they relate to wildfire and livestock.

**Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):** provides benefits to livestock owners and contract growers, who as a grazed forage crop producer, suffer a loss of grazed forage due to a qualifying drought or fire during the normal grazing period of the county.

### Eligibility, Payment, and Enrollment:

- Must have suffered grazing losses in a county rated by the US Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe) drought for eight consecutive weeks, a D3 (extreme) drought or D4 (exceptional) drought during 2021 calendar year normal grazing
- Also, eligible if permitted grazing on federally managed lands was disallowed due to wildfire
- Application due within 30 days after the end of the calendar year of loss
- Criteria based on species, ownership status, disposal time and reason, etc.
- Production and maintenance must be commercial, not recreational, hunting, pet, roping, or show
- Producer qualifications related to citizenship, legal entity, and tribal
- Time restrictions on ownership or under contract is 60 days prior to drought or fire
- Maximum annual payment per person and legal entity is \$125,000
- Must provide application and supporting documentation within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred
- Other qualifications and reporting requirements apply





**Emergency Livestock Relief (ELRP):** provides benefits to livestock producers faced with increased supplemental feed resulting from forage losses due to severe drought or eligible wildfires in 2021.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a 2021 Livestock Forage Program participant (*note: THIS PROGRAM IS ANCHORED TO LFP*)
- Must have the following forms on file with the FSA (if applicable)
  - CCC-853 Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application
  - Form AD-2047 Customer Data Worksheet
  - Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity
  - Form CCC-901 Member Information for Legal Entities
  - Form FSA-510 Request for an Extension to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs
  - Form CCC-860 Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification for 2021
  - Form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification) for the ELRP producer and applicable affiliates.

**Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP):** provides benefits to livestock owners or contract growers (poultry and swine only) for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality due to Eligible Loss Conditions.

**Eligibility, Payment, and Enrollment:**

- Eligible adverse weather event (unexpected extreme or abnormal damaging weather) which directly results in eligible livestock losses. Wildfires are expressly included as adverse weather.
- Must have legally owned the livestock and held for commercial use, on the day the livestock died and/or were injured by an eligible loss condition.
- Also covers the loss on sale of livestock at reduced price because of injury from an eligible loss condition.
- On death, generally 75% of the average FMV of the livestock, reduced by compensation received from the owner in the case of contract growers. For



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injuries, national payment rate for the applicable livestock minus amount received at sale.

- For 2022 losses, apply in the physical location county where the loss occurred.
- Deadline to file notice of loss: 30 calendar days of when loss is apparent.
- Deadline to Submit Application: 60 days after the calendar year in which the eligible loss occurred.
- Documentation needed: Number and kind of livestock, weight when sold, evidence of reduced sale – actual sales receipts, comparative similar sales, rendering facility receipts, processing plant receipts