

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Information - 2016 Barber, Comanche, Harvey, and Reno Counties, KANSAS

ECP is available through the Farm Service Agency to assist eligible producers with land physically located in Barber, Comanche, Harvey, and Reno Counties that were impacted by the wildfires through a cost share program.

Cost Share Rate: Producers applying for ECP may receive 75 percent of their actual eligible cost not to exceed an established rate. Limited resource producers that have completed form CCC-860 may receive a 90 percent cost share rate. Payment is made after the practice is completed and all required documentation has been received by the County Service Center. It is very important that all documentation identifies all producers contributing to the cost of the practice. See reverse side for maximum payment rates.

Payment Limitation: \$200,000 per person or legal entity based on direct attribution.

Program Signup: Apply for ECP at your FSA administrative office between now and May 26, 2016.

Available Practice Assistance: 1) EC3, **Restoring Permanent Fences** – materials and design must restore the fence function to a condition and function similar to that existing before the wildfire, at a minimum must conform to current NRCS standards and specifications. 2) EC4, **Restoring Conservation Structures & Other Installations** – assistance for water structures lost by the fire such as solar pump system, windmills, fiberglass tanks, energy free fountain tank and livestock water storage tanks. 3) EC8, **Field Windbreaks and Farmstead Shelterbelts Emergency Measure** – assistance for replacing windbreaks and shelterbelts.

Evidence: It is suggested that pictures of the damaged fence, watering facility, windbreak or shelterbelt be taken to provide as actual damage evidence.

Beginning Repair Work: Apply for ECP at your FSA office before beginning repair work. If the repair required immediate action, you may still be eligible for assistance by making immediate application for ECP at the FSA.

Environmental Concerns: FSA/NRCS must evaluate each ECP application for environmental impact to the environment and historical archeological sites. Clearance must be received on these evaluations before approval of assistance.

Discouraged Activities: Activities that would disturb the soil below the plow pan are discouraged and could cause ineligibility. Digging a "pit" for disposal or dozing trees from a fence row would be activities causing possible ineligibility.

Keep Track: If you are doing the ECP work or have hired help assisting with the work, keep track of the date, time, dollars, and activity to provide the FSA office in cost share calculations.

Invoices: Retain invoices for eligible items purchased to provide FSA for payment purposes. This includes invoices for work completed by a contractor. It is important that the invoices include all producers contributing to the cost of the practice for cost share to be calculated correctly and payment limitation purposes. The invoice should include the name of the company, address, telephone number, date of service, and description of service or item with associated cost.

Application processing: After you have applied for ECP at the FSA office, the application will be reviewed for approval. When approved the participant will be allowed a period of time to complete the work with an expiration date the participant must have the work completed and all documents submitted to the FSA office for payment. An extension of time to complete the work may be requested prior to the original expiration date.

Insurance, Other Assistance, and Donation: ECP is to assist when repair is so costly federal assistance is necessary. If insurance payment, other assistance, or donation of money, materials, or labor are received it may limit or eliminate your ECP assistance.

Component Description	Unit	Average Cost	75%	90%
Barbed Wire Fence – Replacement	Lf	\$2.08	\$1.56	\$1.87
Woven Fence – Replacement	Lf	\$2.20	\$1.65	\$1.98
Fence Restoration/Repair	Lf	\$.60	\$.45	\$.54
Fence Removal, Mechanical	Lf	\$.42	\$.32	\$.38
Fence Removal, Non-Mechanical	Lf	\$.20	\$.15	\$.18
Concrete-Reinforced and Formed	Cy	\$313.00	\$234.75	\$281.70
Geocell	Sy	\$21.18	\$15.89	\$19.06
Geotextile	Sy	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.60
Gravel	Cy	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$21.60
Pipeline – Installed, Livestock, Permanent	Ft	\$2.41	\$1.81	\$2.17
Pump, Submersible (1/2 HP)	Ea	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$900.00
Pump, Solar System – Installed	Ea	\$5,700.00	\$4,275.00	\$5,130.00
Water Storage/Supply Tank	Gal	\$.60	\$.45	\$.54
Water Trough, Energy-Free Fountain	Gal	\$28.70	\$21.53	\$25.83
Water Trough, Permanent	Gal	\$.62	\$.47	\$.56
Windmill complete	Ea	\$7,052.83	\$5,289.62	\$6,347.55
Windbreak & Shelterbelt Establishment	Ft	\$.92	\$.69	\$.83
Obstruction Removal – Mechanical	Lf	\$1.02	\$.77	\$.92
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation<8” diameter trees	Ft	\$.97	\$.73	\$.87
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation>8” diameter trees	Ft	\$2.77	\$2.08	\$2.49
Weed Barrier – Rolls	Ft	\$.63	\$.47	\$.56
Weed Barrier – Squares	Ea	\$2.39	\$1.79	\$2.15
Components/Rates below are applicable to all Personal Labor and Equipment Used:				
Hourly Labor Rate (Producer/Hired Hand)	Hr	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$10.80
Equipment Use-Chainsaws/Pole Saw	Hr	\$7.00	\$5.25	\$6.30
Equipment Use-Pickup & Traylor or Dump Truck	Hr	\$25.00	\$17.50	\$22.50
Equipment Use-4 Wheeler/ ATV/UTV	Hr	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$10.80
Equipment Use-Skid Steers (Bobcats) w/Grapppler	Hr	\$65.00	\$48.75	\$58.50
Equipment Use-Dozer-235HP (D7)	Hr	\$130.00	\$97.50	\$117.00
Equipment Use-Dozer-125HP (D6)	Hr	\$110.00	\$82.50	\$99.00
Equipment Use-Dozer-100HP (D5)	Hr	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$90.00
Equipment Use-Dozer-92HP (D4 & Under)	Hr	\$75.00	\$56.25	\$67.50
Equipment Use-Tractor w/wo Attachments/Implements, Backhoe, or Grader – 75-100 HP	Hr	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$45.00
Equipment Use-Tractor w/wo Attachments/Implements, Backhoe, or Grader – 100-130HP	Hr	\$65.00	\$48.75	\$58.50
Material on Hand-Barb Wire (Roll)	Ea	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$45.00
Material on Hand-Woven Wire (Roll)	Ea	\$75.00	\$56.25	\$67.50
Material on Hand-T Posts/Wood Line Posts	Ea	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.60
Material on Hand-Fence Stays	Ea	\$.50	\$.38	\$.45



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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.

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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 Conservation Program (ECP) Guidelines for Cost Share Assistance

1. If producer performs practice with own labor, equipment or material, the producer must submit a signed itemized statement that must include the following: Date work performed, Cost per hour charged for labor, Type of equipment used, Charge for equipment, Type and cost of materials used, Other applicable information. Time must be kept separate for each type of practice.
2. You must provide a copy of the paid invoice showing all applicable persons that contributed to the cost of the practice or a copy of the cancelled check. Family members (other than husband and wife) that are not paid are counted as "donated" labor and not reimbursed. Individuals should be paid by check and not cash for tracking purposes and eligibility.
3. Time must be recorded separately for labor and equipment by each type of ECP practice where repair cost is being incurred. ECP practice include: EC3-Restoring Permanent Fences, EC4-Restoring Conservation Structures and Other Installations, EC8-Field Windbreaks and Farmstead Shelterbelts Emergency Measures. Separate time must be kept for each piece of equipment utilized. The total number of equipment hours for a day should not exceed the total labor hours for a day. It should also indicate the individual and or piece of equipment being used and the number of hours utilized/worked.
4. You must turn in a receipt/invoice for any supplies purchased. If material on-hand is utilized the quantity and description must be provided and if available, the original receipt/invoice for these materials. You must turn in a receipt for any equipment rented that was utilized for the practice.
5. If you exchange labor, equipment, or materials with someone for some other compensation besides money, you must have a barter agreement signed by you and the individual performing the exchange. The agreement must specify what is being bartered, include the value of the exchange, and be signed by both parties. The barter agreement must be approved by FSA.
6. If you use a contractor to complete the ECP practice repair, only the contractors receipt/invoice is required for the work completed.
7. If you are approved for ECP funds, you must turn in your receipts by the expiration date or send in a letter requesting an extension and the reason the extension is needed.
8. Once your application for ECP funds has been evaluated and if approved, cost shares will be issued based upon your actual expenses times 75% or 90% for limited resource producers not to exceed your approved cost share amount.
9. If you are a limited resource producer, you may qualify for a 90 percent cost share rate rather than the 75 percent rate. To determine if you are a limited resource producer (1) go to www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov and complete the questions, (2) complete form CCC-860, and (3) provide the information to the local FSA office.
10. ECP is provided when a producers cost requires federal assistance. Should you receive insurance or civil damages payment for the damage incurred, it may eliminate your eligibility or reduce the calculated payment in the amount of the insurance or civil settlement.
11. Actions taken to repair damage before filing an ECP application or receiving approval, may be eligible if an application is filed before the end of the ECP signup period, and if there are no environmental impacts. Starting a practice before approval is always at the producers' risk. Activities to disturb the soil below the plow zone may result in the application not being eligible for ECP, if the activity is done prior to an environmental assessment.

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COST-SHARE REQUEST

This form is available electronically.
FSA-848
(09-10-15)

1. ST. & CO. Code :
2. County Office Name, Address and Telephone Number

3. Application Number

4. Program Code
5. Contract ID (if applicable)

THIS REQUEST is submitted by the undersigned owners, operators, tenants, and/or producers (who individually may be referred to as "the Applicant"). By signing this form, the Applicant agrees to the following: 1) the Applicant is requesting cost-share assistance to perform a practice(s) designed to meet the objectives of the program referenced in Box 5; 2) the Applicant agrees that this practice(s) would not be performed without Federal cost-sharing; and, 3) if cost-sharing is approved for the practice(s) requested, the Applicant agrees to refund all or part of the funds paid to him/her, as determined by the Approving Official, if, before expiration of the lifespan of the specified practice(s), the Applicant (a) destroys the approved practice(s), or (b) voluntarily relinquishes control of or title to, the land on which the approved practice(s) has been established, and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) for the remainder of its life span. The Applicant hereby agrees that if he or she begins the practice(s) before receiving written approval, he or she may be denied cost-share funding. Further, the Applicant hereby authorizes a representative of USDA to have access to the practice site area(s). RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: FSA-848-1 is by reference incorporated herein. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: FSA-848 AND ANY ADDENDUM THERETO.

6. Description of Site and Practice Objectives

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7. Disaster Type:

8. Crop(s) (Select):
 Flowers or Bulbs
 Seed Crops
 Orchards or Vineyards
 Vegetables or Fruits
 Grain or Row Crops
 Hay Forage or Pasture
 Field Grown Ornamentals
 Other:
 9. Livestock(s) (Select and list amount with units):
 Cattle:
 Sheep:
 Fish:
 Goats:
 Swine:
 Horses, Mules or Donkeys:
 Other animals raised exclusively for commercial food or fiber.

10. PRACTICES REQUESTED

A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Practice Title	F. Practices Units	G. Practice Acres	H. Extent Requested	I. Requested Cost-Share
J. Total Requested Cost-Share:								

11. APPLICANT'S REQUEST

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A. Applicant's Name, Address and Telephone Number	B. Percent Share	C. Limited Resource <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	D. Beginning Farmer <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	E. Socially Disadvantaged <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	F. Signature (By)	G. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity	H. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0082. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

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12. APPLICATION INFORMATION

A. Program Code	B. Program Year	C. ST. & CO. Code	D. Hydrologic Unit Code	E. Application Number	F. Contract ID	G. Disaster ID
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13. PRACTICES REQUESTED AND NEEDED

A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Primary Purpose Code	F. Practice Units	G. Practice Extent Requested	H. Practice Extent Needed	I. Requested Cost-Share Rate and Type	J. Requested Cost-Share

K. TOTALS:

14. COMPONENTS REQUESTED AND NEEDED

A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Component No.	F. Component Title	G. Component Units	H. Component Extent Requested	I. Component Extent Needed	J. Requested Cost-Share Rate and Type	K. Requested Cost-Share

15. TECHNICAL PRACTICES PLANNED

A. Farm No.	B. Tract No.	C. Field No.	D. Practice Control No.	E. Technical Practice Code	F. Technical Practice Title	G. Technical Practice Units	H. Technical Practice Cost-Shared	I. Technical Practice Extent Planned
							<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
							<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
							<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

16. Needs Determination

A. Signature of Technical Service Provider	B. Date	C. Affiliation	D. Practice Control No.	E. Date Referred	F. Referral Expiration	G. Needs Statement

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A. Applicant's Name, Address and Telephone Number _____

B. Percent Share: _____

C. Limited Resource: YES NO

D. Beginning Farmer: YES NO

E. Socially Disadvantaged: YES NO

F. Signature (By) _____

G. Title/Relationship of the Individual if Signing in a Representative Capacity _____

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2014 Farm Bill

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March 2015

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, Poult		Goats, Slaughter Goats/Kids
Non-Adult Dairy Cattle	Turkeys, Toms, Fryers, Roasters		Llamas
			Reindeer
			Sheep, Ewes
			Sheep, Lambs
		Sheep, Rams	

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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&newstyp=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:

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- 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.

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

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

Applicants must provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock deaths occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event or eligible

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.

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:

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.

- 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.

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.

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;

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

- Photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible;
- Purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan

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

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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.

MORE INFORMATION

To find more information about FSA programs, contact your local FSA office or USDA Service Center, or visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

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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
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
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
Cow			\$1,475.00
Nonadult		Less than 400 pounds	\$368.75
		400 to 799 pounds	\$737.50
Deer			\$1,191.35
Ducks	Ducklings		\$518.11
	Ducks		\$0.67
Elk			\$4.19
Emus			\$719.19
Equine			\$206.67
Geese	Goose		\$878.34
	Gosling		\$15.78
Goats	Bucks		\$3.31
	Nannies		\$136.35
	Slaughter Goats/Kids		\$110.45
Llamas			\$78.58
Reindeer			\$217.50
Sheep	Ewes		\$518.11
	Lambs		\$136.34
	Rams		\$169.24
Swine	Feeder Pigs	Less than 50 pounds	\$143.97
	Lightweight Barrows/Gilts	50 to 150 pounds	\$66.15
	Sows/Boars/Barrows/Gilts	151 to 450 pounds	\$93.93
	Boars/Sows	450 pounds or more	\$121.71
Turkeys	Poults		\$305.48
	Toms/Fryers/roasters		\$1.25
			\$14.58

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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

This form is available electronically.

CCC-852 (04-15-14) LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM APPLICATION	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. State and County Code	2. Calendar Year
		3. County Office Name	4. Application Number

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1416, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to determine eligibility for livestock indemnity program benefits. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for livestock indemnity program benefits.

This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title I, Subtitle F-Administration).

The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

PART A - PRODUCER INFORMATION

5. Producer's Name and Address (City, State and Zip Code)

PART B - NOTICE OF LOSS

6. Date(s) of Occurrence/When Loss Was Apparent	7. Adverse Weather Event(s) or Eligible Animal Attack(s)
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8. I am reporting that I have incurred livestock losses due to the adverse weather event(s) or eligible animal attacks listed in Item 7 and the losses occurred or were apparent to me on the date(s) listed in Item 6.

A. Producer's Signature (By)	B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	C. Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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PART C - LIVESTOCK LOCATION AND ASSOCIATED PRODUCER INFORMATION

9. Where were the claimed livestock physically located at the time they died? (Include County name, farm number, etc.)	10. Where is the current physical location of the livestock in inventory?
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11. Associated Producers (List all other producers that have an ownership share of any livestock listed in Item 14 and indicate their share.)

PART D - LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

12. Adverse Weather Event/Animal Attack Date Number	13. Contract Grower		14. Livestock Kind/Type and Weight Range	15. Inventory on Date of Adverse Weather Event/Animal Attack	16. Number of Death Losses Due to Adverse Weather Event/Animal Attack	17. Number Lost Due to Normal Mortality	COC USE ONLY		
	Yes	No					18. Adjusted Inventory	19. Adjusted Number Lost Due to Adverse Weather/Animal Attack	20. Adjusted Number Lost Due to Normal Mortality

PART E – DOCUMENTATION OF BEGINNING INVENTORY

21. List the document(s) provided to verify beginning inventory. Attach copies of documents.	Number of Livestock
Example: Receipt from Harry's Sale Barn for purchase of 25 feeder pigs on November 10, 2014	25
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	

PART F – DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY LIVESTOCK LOSSES

22. List the document(s) provided to verify livestock losses. Attach copies of documents.	Number of Livestock
Example: Rendering receipt for pick up of 10 pigs March 12, 2014	10
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	

PART G – SIMILAR LOSS/CONTRACT GROWERS

23. Other Compensation (Contract Growers): \$
24. Reduction: \$

PART H – PRODUCER CERTIFICATION

Payments under the Livestock Indemnity Program will be made with respect to certain livestock deaths that occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event, except drought, or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law, including wolves and avian predators. Each producer must file a separate form CCC-852 to be eligible to receive program benefits. By signing this application, the producer:

- Agrees to provide CCC any documentation it requires to determine eligibility that verifies and supports all information provided, including the producer's certification, and understands the application may be disapproved if they fail to provide any such information requested by CCC;
- Authorizes CCC, at any time, with or without their presence, to enter upon, inspect and verify all livestock, livestock deaths, and acreage in which they have an interest;
- Agrees to comply with, and acknowledges they are subject to, all the regulations governing the program and understands that instructions and assistance are available for completing this form;
- Authorizes CCC to obtain from third parties, such as, but not limited to, other government agencies, individuals, auction barns, contractors or processors, feed vendors, veterinarian services, and rendering services, records or other evidence that substantiates the information provided on this application or any supporting documentation provided.

I certify that:

- If applying as an individual, that I am a citizen of the United States or a resident alien; if applying as a partnership, the members of the partnership are citizens of the United States; or if applying as a corporation, limited liability corporation, or other farm organizational structure, the entity is organized under State law. If applying as a Native American tribe, the tribe is organized according to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; if applying as any Native American organization or entity, the Native American organization or entity is chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act; if applying as a Native American economic enterprise, the Native American economic enterprise was established under the Indian Financing Act of 1974;
- On the day livestock died, I owned or was a contract grower of all livestock entered on this application and physically maintained control of all such livestock on that date on my farm for commercial use as part of my farming operation;
- All livestock entered as losses on this application died during the calendar year in Item 2 as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event(s) or eligible animal attack no later than 60 calendar days from the ending dates of such adverse weather event(s) or eligible animal attack(s) provided in Item 7 in the county provided in Item 9, and that all losses occurred on or after October 1, 2011;
- I have not received any compensation for livestock losses listed on this application pursuant to section 10407(d) of the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8306(d)).

All livestock entered on this application meet all the livestock eligibility criteria provided in 7 CFR Part 1416 Subpart D, including being maintained for commercial use as part of my farming operation;

- I understand that this application may be disapproved if information or evidence provided is false or in error, and that other sanctions or penalties could apply; and
- All information on this application and all supporting documents I provided is true and correct.

25A. Producer's Signature (By)	25B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	25C. Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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PART I – COUNTY COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

26. COC or Designee Signature	27. Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	28. Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
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Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) - Livestock Assistance

OVERVIEW

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized up to \$20 million of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds in a fiscal year (FY) for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) to provide emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish. ELAP covers losses due to an eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition, including blizzards, disease (including cattle tick fever), water shortages and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP covers losses that are not covered under other disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill (such as 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 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

There are four categories of livestock losses covered by ELAP, described in greater detail within this fact sheet:

- Livestock death losses caused by an eligible loss condition;
- Livestock feed and grazing losses that are not due to drought or wildfires on federally managed lands;
- Losses resulting from the additional 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.

LIVESTOCK DEATH LOSSES

Eligible Livestock

To be eligible for livestock death losses, livestock must:

- For eligible livestock owners, be alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, beefalo, buffalo, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine;
- For eligible contract growers, be poultry or swine;
- Be maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the date of death;
- Have died:
 - As a direct result of an eligible loss condition;
 - On or after the beginning date of the eligible loss condition;
 - No later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the eligible loss condition.

Examples of ineligible livestock for livestock death losses include wild free roaming animals or animals for recreational purposes, such as pleasure, hunting, roping, pets or for show.

Eligible Producer

Livestock owners must have legal ownership of the livestock on the day the livestock died. Livestock contract growers must have had:

- A written agreement with the owner of the eligible livestock;
- Control of the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died;
- A risk of loss in the livestock.

Eligible Death Losses

Eligible livestock death losses must be:

- Incurred by an eligible livestock owner or contract grower;
- Due to an eligible loss condition occurring during the program year for which payment is requested

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(for 2015, on or after Oct. 1, 2014 and before Oct. 1, 2015);

- In excess of normal mortality.

FSA determines the eligible loss conditions for livestock death losses and these loss conditions cannot be covered under LIP.

Death Loss Payments

Payments for eligible livestock death losses will be based on a national payment rate for each livestock category times the number of eligible livestock that died in each category in excess of normal mortality. The national payment rate for eligible livestock owners is based on a minimum of 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock. The national payment rate for eligible contract growers is based on a minimum of 75 percent of the average income loss sustained by the contract grower with respect to the dead livestock. USDA will reduce a contract grower's ELAP payment by the amount of monetary compensation they receive from their contractor for the loss of income suffered from the death of livestock under contract.

LIVESTOCK FEED AND GRAZING LOSSES

Eligible Livestock

For livestock feed and grazing losses, livestock must be:

- Alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, adult or non-adult beef cattle, adult or non-adult buffalo, adult or non-adult beefalo, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine;
- Livestock that would normally have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period for the specific pasture type of grazing land or pastureland in the county where the eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition occurred;
- Owned, cash-leased, purchased, under contract for purchase, or been raised by a contract grower or an eligible livestock producer, during the 60 calendar days prior to the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- Maintained for commercial use as part of the producer's farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock feed and grazing losses under ELAP.

Eligible Producer

For livestock grazing and feed losses, producers must have:

- During the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition, owned, cash-leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase or been a contract grower of eligible livestock;
- Suffered a loss on land that is either:
 - Native or improved pastureland with a permanent vegetative cover;
 - Planted to a crop specifically for the purpose of providing grazing for covered livestock.
- Provided pastureland or grazing land during the normal grazing period to eligible livestock, including cash-leased pastureland or grazing land for livestock that are physically located in the county where the eligible adverse weather or loss condition occurred during the normal grazing period.

Eligible Adverse Weather or Loss Condition

Eligible adverse weather or loss conditions for livestock feed and grazing losses include, but are not limited to:

- Blizzard;
- Eligible winter storm;
- Flood;
- Hurricane;
- Lightning;
- Tidal surge;
- Tornado;
- Volcanic eruption, or;
- Wildfire on non-federal land.

Drought and wildfire on federally managed land are not eligible adverse weather or loss conditions for livestock feed and grazing losses under ELAP. These conditions are covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).

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Eligible Grazing Losses

Eligible grazing losses must be incurred on eligible grazing lands physically located in the county where the eligible adverse weather or loss condition occurred and because of an eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Eligible Feed Losses

Eligible feed losses under ELAP are losses:

- Of purchased forage or feedstuffs;
- Of mechanically harvested forage or feedstuffs;
- Resulting from the additional costs incurred for transporting feed to eligible livestock because of an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- Resulting from the additional costs of purchasing additional feed, above normal quantities, required to maintain eligible livestock during an eligible adverse weather or loss condition, until additional livestock feed becomes available.

Eligible feed losses shall not exceed 150 days of lost feed.

Grazing Loss Payments, Excluding Wildfires on Non-Federal Land

Payments for eligible grazing losses, except grazing losses due to wildfires on non-federal land, will be calculated based on a minimum of 60 percent of the lesser of the total value of:

- The feed cost for all covered livestock owned by the eligible livestock producer based on the number of grazing days lost, not to exceed 150 days of daily feed cost for all covered livestock;
- Grazing lost for eligible livestock based on the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer for the number of grazing days lost, not to exceed 150 days of lost grazing.

Grazing Loss Payments For Wildfires on Non-Federal Land

Payments for eligible livestock producers for losses suffered because of a wildfire on non-federal land will be calculated based on a minimum of 60 percent of:

- The result of dividing the number of acres of grazing land or pastureland acres affected by the wildfire by the normal carrying capacity of the specific type of eligible grazing land or pasture land, multiplied by;
- The daily value of grazing, multiplied by;
- The number of days grazing was lost due to the wildfire, not to exceed 180 calendar days.

Livestock Feed Payment Calculations

Payment calculations for feed losses will be based on a minimum of 60 percent of the producer's actual cost for:

- Livestock feed that was purchased or mechanically harvested forage or feedstuffs intended for use as feed for the producer's eligible livestock that was physically damaged or destroyed due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- The additional costs incurred for transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- The additional cost of purchasing additional livestock feed above normal to maintain the eligible livestock during an eligible adverse weather or loss condition until additional livestock feed becomes available.

FSA will calculate ELAP payments for an eligible livestock producer for livestock feed and grazing losses for no more than 150 calendar days.

LOSSES RESULTING FROM ADDITIONAL COST OF TRANSPORTING WATER

Eligible Livestock

For losses resulting from the additional cost of transporting water, eligible livestock must be:

- Alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, adult or non-adult beef cattle, adult or non-adult buffalo, adult or non-adult beefalo, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine;
- Owned, cash-leased, purchased, under contract for purchase, or been raised by a contract grower or an eligible livestock producer, during the 60 calendar days prior to the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition;

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- Livestock that are grazing eligible pastureland or grazing land during the normal grazing period for the specific pasture type of grazing land or pasture land that:
 - Are physically located in the county where the eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition occurred;
 - Had adequate livestock watering systems or facilities before the eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition occurred;
 - Do not normally require the transport of water by the producer.
- Livestock that are grazing eligible pastureland or grazing land during the normal grazing period for the specific pasture type of grazing land or pasture land that:
- Maintained for commercial use as part of the producer's farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock losses resulting from transporting water under ELAP.

Eligible Producer

For losses resulting from transporting water, producers must have during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition, owned, cash-leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase or been a contract grower of eligible livestock.

Eligible Adverse Weather or Loss Condition

Eligible adverse weather for losses resulting from the additional cost of transporting water to eligible livestock includes an eligible drought, meaning that any area of the county has been rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) intensity that directly impacts water availability at any time during the normal grazing period.

Eligible Losses from Transporting Water

Eligible losses due to the additional costs of transporting water under ELAP are losses that:

- Are due to an eligible drought;
- Are for the additional cost of transporting water to eligible livestock including, but not limited to, costs associated with water transport equipment fees, labor, and contracted water transportation

- fees;
- Do not include the cost of the water itself.

Payments for Losses from Transporting Water

Payments for losses due to transporting water will be based on a minimum of 60 percent of the lesser of:

- The total value of the cost to transport water to eligible livestock for 150 days, based on the daily water requirements for the eligible livestock, or;
- The total value of the cost to transport water to eligible livestock for the program year, based on the actual number of gallons of water the eligible producer transported to eligible livestock for the program year.

The national average price per gallon to transport water is provided in the following table based on the method the producer uses to transport water for the applicable program year. A state or regional price may be established based on the recommendation and documentation by the FSA State Committee.

Method of Transporting Water	National Average Price per Gallon
Personal labor/equipment	\$0.035
Hired labor/rented equipment	\$0.05
Contracted water transportation	\$0.07

LOSSES RELATED TO TREATMENT FOR CATTLE TICK FEVER

Eligible Livestock

For losses resulting from the additional cost to treat for cattle tick fever, eligible livestock must be:

- Alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, adult or non-adult beef cattle, adult or non-adult buffalo, adult or non-adult beefalo, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine;
- Owned, cash-leased, purchased, under contract for purchase, or been raised by a contract grower or an eligible livestock producer, during the 60 calendar days prior to the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition;

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- Maintained for commercial use as part of the producer's farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock losses resulting from the additional cost to treat for cattle tick fever under ELAP.

Eligible Losses for Gathering Livestock to Treat for Cattle Tick Fever

Eligible losses include those losses resulting from the additional cost associated with gathering livestock to treat for cattle tick fever. To be considered an eligible loss, acceptable records that provide the number of livestock treated for cattle tick fever and the number of treatments given during the program year must be on file with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Payments for Losses for Gathering Livestock to Treat for Cattle Tick Fever

Payments for losses resulting from the additional cost associated with gathering livestock to treat for cattle tick fever will be equal to the sum of the following for each treatment:

- A minimum national payment factor of 60 percent, multiplied by;
- The number of eligible livestock treated by APHIS for cattle tick fever, multiplied by;
- The average cost to gather livestock, per head, as established by FSA.

UNDERSERVED, LIMITED RESOURCE AND BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS

With respect to the national payment factors referenced above, an eligible livestock producer who certifies they are underserved, limited resource, or a beginning farmer or rancher, will not have their payments for livestock losses under ELAP reduced by more than 10 percent.

PAYMENT LIMITATION

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 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.

APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

Producers can apply to receive ELAP assistance at local FSA service centers. For the 2015 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 loss occurred.

In addition to submitting an application for payment, producers who suffered livestock losses should submit a notice of loss to the local FSA office that maintains their farm records.

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

Date of Livestock Loss	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Program year 2015 and subsequent program years	30 days after livestock loss is apparent	Nov. 1 after the program year in which the loss occurred.

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The producer must include a copy of the grower contract if they are 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 evidence that grazing land or pastureland is owned or leased.

Payments may be made for eligible losses suffered by an eligible participant who is now deceased or is a member of a dissolved entity if a representative, who currently has authority to act on behalf of the estate of the deceased participant, signs the application for payment. Proof of authority to sign for a deceased individual or dissolved entity must be provided. If a participant is now a dissolved general partnership or joint venture, all members of the general partnership or joint venture at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representative(s) must sign the application for payment.

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.

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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CCC-851 (04-15-14) EMERGENCY LOSS ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK APPLICATION	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation	1. State and County Code	2. Program Year
		3. County Office Name	4. Application Number

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1416, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79). The information will be used to determine eligibility for emergency loss assistance program benefits. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for emergency loss assistance program benefits.

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The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

PART A - PRODUCER INFORMATION

5A. Producer's Name and Address (City, State and Zip Code)

5B. Is a CCC-860 form, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification, on file for the producer for the program year indicated in Item 2? YES NO

PART B - NOTICE OF LOSS

I am reporting that I have incurred losses due to qualifying weather or loss condition(s) listed in Item 7A and the losses occurred or were apparent to me on the date(s) listed in Items 7B and 7C.

6. Type of Loss (Check all that apply)

Grazing Loss - Non-Fire (Part D)
 Grazing Loss - Fire (Part E)
 Produced Feed Loss (Part F)
 Purchased Feed Loss (Part G)

Additional Feed Purchased & Expenses (Part H)
 Livestock Death Loss (Part I)
 Water Transporting (Part L)
 Cattle Tick Fever (Part M)

7A. Qualifying Weather or Loss Condition	7B. Date When Loss Occurred	7C. Date When Loss Was Apparent	7D. Physical Location County of Loss
Loss Event 1			
Loss Event 2			
Loss Event 3			

7E. Where were the livestock physically located on the beginning date of the qualifying weather or loss condition(s) provided in 7B? (Include County name, farm number, etc.)	7F. Where is the current physical location of the livestock in inventory? (Include County name, farm number, etc.)
Loss Event 1	
Loss Event 2	
Loss Event 3	

PART C - LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

8. Loss Event Number (Item 7A)	9. Livestock Group	10. Livestock Kind/Type and Weight Range	11. Livestock Inventory	12. Share	COC Use Only 13. COC Adjusted Livestock Inventory
	A				
	B				
	C				
	D				
	E				

14. Associated Producers; list all other producers that have an ownership share of any livestock listed in Item 10. (List the other producer's name, livestock number from Item 9 and share).

15A. Producer's Signature Loss Event 1 (By)	15B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	15C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
16A. Producer's Signature Loss Event 2 (By)	16B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	16C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
17A. Producer's Signature Loss Event 3 (By)	17B. Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	17C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)

PART D - FORAGE INFORMATION - GRAZING LOSSES - Non-Fire									
18. Livestock Group (Item 9)	19. Pasture Type - Owned or Cash Leased Land (Non-Fire Affected)	20A. Acres	20B. Share	21. Lost Grazing Days	COC Use Only				
					22. Carrying Capacity	23. COC Adjusted Acres	24. COC Adjusted Lost Grazing Days		
25. Livestock Group (Item 9)	26. Pasture Type - AUM/AU Leased Land (Non-Fire Affected)	27. Animal Units		28. Lost Grazing Days	COC Use Only				
					29. COC Adjusted Animal Units	30. COC Adjusted Lost Grazing Days			
PART E - FORAGE INFORMATION - GRAZING LOSSES - Fire									
31. Livestock Group (Item 9)	32. Pasture Type - Non-Federal Managed Lands (Fire Affected)	33A. Affected Acres	33B. Share	34. Lost Grazing Days	COC Use Only				
					35. Carrying Capacity	36. COC Adjusted Affected Acres	37. COC Adjusted Lost Grazing Days		
PART F - VALUE OF PRODUCED FEED LOST									
38A. Livestock Group (Item 9)	38B. Pasture Type	39. Type of Lost Feed Produced	40. Eligible Quantity Lost	41A. Dollar Value Lost	41B. Share	COC USE ONLY			
						42. COC Adjusted Quantity Lost	43. COC Adjusted Dollar Value Lost		
PART G - VALUE OF PURCHASED FEED LOST									
44A. Livestock Group (Item 9)	44B. Pasture Type	45. Type of Lost Feed Purchased	46A. Dollar Value Lost	46B. Share	COC USE ONLY				
					47. COC Adjusted Dollar Value Lost				
PART H - VALUE OF ADDITIONAL FEED PURCHASED, ADDITIONAL EXPENSES									
48A. Livestock Group (Item 9)	48B. Pasture Type	49. Type of Additional Feed Purchased and/or Type of Additional Expense Incurred	50A. 1 Year Prior Dollar Value of Additional Feed Purchased	50B. 2 Year Prior Dollar Value of Additional Feed Purchased	51A. Current Year Dollar Value of Additional Feed or Additional Expense Incurred	51B. Share	COC USE ONLY		
							52A. COC Adjusted 1 Year Prior Dollar Value of Additional Feed Purchased	52B. COC Adjusted 2 Year Prior Dollar Value of Additional Feed Purchased	53. COC Adjusted Current Year Dollar Value of Additional Feed or Additional Expense Incurred

PART I - LIVESTOCK DEATH LOSS INFORMATION						
54. Livestock Group (Item 9)	55. Contract Grower		56. Number Lost Due to Eligible Loss Conditions	57. Number Lost Due to Normal Mortality	COC Use Only	
	YES	NO			58. COC Adjusted Number Lost Due to Eligible Loss Conditions	59. COC Adjusted Number Lost Due to Normal Mortality
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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PART J - DOCUMENTATION OF INVENTORY IN PART I	
60. Describe the document(s) provided to verify beginning inventory. (Attach copies of documents.)	61. Number of Livestock
Document Description	
Document Number 1	
Document Number 2	
Document Number 3	
Document Number 4	
Document Number 5	

PART K - DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY LIVESTOCK LOSSES IN PART I	
62. Describe the document(s) provided to verify livestock losses. Attach copies of documents.	63. Number of Livestock
Document Description	
Document Number 1	
Document Number 2	
Document Number 3	
Document Number 4	
Document Number 5	

PART L - WATER TRANSPORTING						
64A. Livestock Group (Item 9)	64B. Pasture Type	65. Water Transporting Start Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	66. Water Transporting End Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	67A. Total Gallons of Water Transported	67B. Share	COC Use Only 68. COC Adjusted Gallons of Water Transported

PART M - CATTLE TICK FEVER		
69. Livestock Group (Item 9)	COC USE ONLY	
	70. Date of each Treatment (MM-DD-YYYY)	71. Number of Livestock Treated

PART N - OTHER COMPENSATION/REDUCTIONS

72. Other Compensation (Contract Grower Only):	\$
73. Reductions:	\$

PART O - PRODUCER CERTIFICATION

Payments under the Emergency Loss Assistance for Livestock will be made to provide emergency relief to producers of livestock due to losses from qualifying weather or loss conditions as determined by the Secretary. Each producer must file a separate form CCC-851 to be eligible to receive program benefits. By signing this application, the producer:

1. Agrees to provide CCC any documentation it requires to determine eligibility that verifies and supports all information provided, including the producer's certification, and understands the application may be disapproved if they fail to provide any such information requested by CCC;
2. Authorizes CCC, at any time, with or without their presence, to enter upon, inspect and verify all livestock, livestock deaths, and acreage in which they have an interest;
3. Agrees to comply with, and acknowledges they are subject to, all the regulations governing the program and understands that instructions and assistance are available for completing this form;
4. Authorizes CCC to obtain from third parties, such as, but not limited to, other government agencies, individuals, auction barns, contractors, or processors, feed cooperatives, feed supply companies and rendering services, any records or other evidence that substantiates the information provided on this application or any supporting documentation provided; and

I certify that:

1. If applying as an individual, that I am a citizen of the United States or a resident alien; if applying as a partnership, the members of the partnership are citizens of the United States; or if applying as a corporation, limited liability corporation, or other farm organization structure, the entity is organized under State law; if applying as a Native American tribe, the tribe is organized according to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; if applying as any Native American organization or entity, the Native American organization or entity is chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act; if applying as a Native American economic enterprise, the enterprise was established under the Indian Financing Act of 1974.
2. On the beginning date of the qualifying weather or loss condition(s) in Item 7A, I owned, leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase, or was a contract grower of the livestock entered in Item 11 on this application;
3. All livestock entered on this application meet all eligibility criteria provided in 7 CFR Part 1416 Subpart B, including being maintained by me for commercial use as part of my farming operation, and if applicable, are livestock that would normally have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland on the beginning date of the qualifying weather or loss condition(s);
4. All forage information entered on this application meets all eligibility criteria provided in 7 CFR Part 1416 Subpart B;
5. All information on this application and all supporting documents provided is true and correct;
6. Within the county provided in Item 7D and as a direct result of the qualifying weather or loss condition(s) listed in Item 7A, I have suffered an eligible grazing loss, feed loss, death loss, water transporting expense, cattle tick fever expense or incurred additional expenses for the livestock entered on this application in Items 10;
7. I understand that this application may be disapproved if information or evidence provided is false or in error, and that other sanctions or penalties could apply.

74A. Signature (By)	74B. Title/Relationship of the individual signing in the Representative Capacity	74C. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
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PART P - COUNTY COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

75A. COC or Designee Signature	75B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	75C. Determination <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED
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	YES	NO
20. Documents provided as evidence of livestock verifiable beginning and ending inventory are acceptable. If NO, explain in Item 25.		
21. Livestock inventory is reasonable based on documents provided. If NO, explain in Item 25.		
22. Claimed livestock losses are reasonable. If NO, explain in Item 25.		
23. Third party is a reliable source in a position to have knowledge of loss. If NO, explain in Item 25.		
24. Certification of participant and third party meet all requirements. If NO, explain in Item 25.		
25. Comment		

25. Comment

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26. COC Signature	27. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	28. Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Farm Loans

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OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and guarantees loans to family farmers and ranchers to promote, build and sustain family farms in support of a thriving agricultural economy. FSA maintains its headquarters in Washington, DC, with offices located in each state, usually in a state capital or near a state land-grant university, as well as in most agriculturally productive counties. Farmers may apply for direct loans at local FSA offices. Guaranteed loans may be available from commercial lenders who apply for loan guarantees from FSA. Although general information may be obtained from headquarters and state offices, all programs are administered through local offices.

The goal of FSA's farm loan programs is to graduate its borrowers to commercial credit. Once a farmer is able to obtain credit from the commercial lending sector, the agency's mission of providing temporary, supervised credit is complete.

FSA FARM LOANS

FSA's loan programs are designed to help family farmers to start, purchase or expand their farming operation. In many cases, these are beginning farmers who need additional financial and business acumen to qualify for commercial credit. In other cases, they are farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters, or who need additional resources with which to establish and maintain profitable farming operations.

Some farmers obtain their credit needs through the use of loan guarantees. Under a guaranteed loan, a commercial lender makes and services the loan, and FSA guarantees it against loss up to a maximum of 90 percent in most cases. In certain limited circumstances, a 95-percent guarantee is available. FSA has the responsibility of approving all eligible loan guarantees and providing oversight of lenders' activities.

For those not yet meeting the qualifications for a loan guarantee from a commercial lender, FSA also makes direct loans, which are serviced by an FSA official. FSA has the responsibility of providing credit counseling and supervision to its direct borrowers by making a thorough assessment of the farming operation. FSA helps applicants evaluate the adequacy of the real estate and facilities, machinery and equipment, financial and production management, and the applicant's goals. FSA assists the applicant in identifying and prioritizing areas needing improvement in all phases of the operation. An FSA official then works one-on-one with the applicant to develop and to help strengthen the identified areas that ultimately result in the applicant's graduation to commercial credit.

Unlike FSA's commodity loans, most farm loans must be fully secured and can only be approved for those who have repayment ability.

FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS

Eligible applicants may obtain direct loans up to a maximum indebtedness of \$300,000. Maximum indebtedness for guaranteed loans is \$1,399,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation). The maximum repayment term is 40 years for both direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans. In general, loan funds may be used to purchase a farm, enlarge an existing farm, construct new farm buildings and/or improve structures, pay closing costs, and promote soil and water conservation and protection.

FARM OPERATING LOANS

Eligible applicants may obtain direct loans for up to a maximum indebtedness of \$300,000 and a direct operating Microloan for up to a maximum indebtedness of \$50,000. Maximum indebtedness for a guaranteed loan is \$1,399,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation). The repayment term may vary, but typically it will

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not exceed seven years for intermediate-term purposes. Annual operating loans are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities produced are sold. In general, loan funds may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, minor real estate repairs or improvements, and refinancing debt.

TARGETED FUNDS TO SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED AND BEGINNING FARMERS

Each year Congress targets a percentage of farm ownership and farm operating loan funds to socially disadvantaged (SDA) and beginning farmers. For more information, refer to the FSA Fact Sheet, "Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers."

DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAM

FSA has a special loan program to assist SDA and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Retiring farmers may use this program to transfer their land to future generations.

To qualify:

- The applicant must make a cash down payment of at least 5 percent of the purchase price.
- The maximum loan amount does not exceed 45 percent of the least of (a) the purchase price of the farm to be acquired; (b) the appraised value of the farm to be acquired or; (c) \$667,000 (*Note: This results in a maximum loan amount of \$300,000*).
- The term of the loan is 20 years. The interest rate is 4 percent below the direct FO rate, but not lower than 1.5 percent.
- The remaining balance may be obtained from a commercial lender or private party. FSA can provide up to a 95-percent guarantee if financing is obtained from a commercial lender. Participating lenders do not have to pay a guarantee fee.
- Financing from participating lenders must have an amortization period of at least 30 years and cannot have a balloon payment due within the first 20 years of the loan.

YOUTH LOANS

These are available as direct loans only and have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000. Youth loans may be made to individuals who are sponsored by a project advisor, such as a 4-H Club, FFA or local vocational instructor. Individuals must be at least 10 but not more than 20 years old to be eligible.

EMERGENCY LOANS

These loans are available only as direct loans from FSA. Emergency Loans assist farmers who have suffered physical or production losses in areas declared by the President as disaster areas or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as disaster or quarantine areas (for physical losses only, the FSA Administrator may authorize Emergency Loan assistance). For production loss loans, applicants must demonstrate a 30-percent loss in a single farming enterprise. Applicants may receive loans up to 100 percent of production or physical losses.

Loan purposes include operating and real estate, restoring/replacing essential property, production costs for disaster year, essential family living expenses, reorganization and refinancing certain debts.

The maximum indebtedness under the Emergency Loan program is \$500,000.

CONSERVATION LOANS

Conservation loans are available as guaranteed loans only. Eligible applicants may use Conservation Loan funds to complete any conservation activity included in a conservation plan or Forestry Management Plan and refinance debts related to implementing any conservation activity if refinancing will result in additional conservation benefits. Maximum indebtedness is \$1,399,000 (amount adjusted annually for inflation) and the maximum repayment term is 30 years.

Note: The family farm and test for credit requirements are not applicable to Conservation Loans.

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LAND CONTRACT GUARANTEES

These provide certain financial guarantees to the seller of a farm through a land contract sale to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The seller may request either of the following:

Prompt Payment Guarantee: A guarantee up to the amount of three amortized annual installments plus the cost of any related real estate taxes and insurance.

Standard Guarantee: A guarantee of 90 percent of the outstanding principal balance under the land contract.

The purchase price of the farm cannot exceed the lesser of (a) \$500,000 or (b) the market value of the property. The buyer must provide a minimum down payment of 5 percent of the purchase price of the farm. The interest rate is fixed at a rate not to exceed the direct FO loan interest rate in effect at the time the guarantee is issued, plus 3 percentage points. The guarantee period is 10 years for either plan regardless of the term of the land contract. The contract payments must be amortized for a minimum of 20 years. Balloon payments are prohibited during the 10-year term of the guarantee.

LOAN SERVICING AND SUPERVISED CREDIT

FSA's mission is not limited to providing just credit — it is to provide supervised credit. This means that FSA works with each direct loan borrower to identify specific strengths and opportunities for improvement in farm production and management, and then works with the borrower on alternatives and other options to address the areas needing improvement to achieve success. Learning improved business planning and financial acumen through supervised credit is the difference between success and failure for many farm families.

To help keep borrowers on the farm, FSA may be able to provide certain loan servicing benefits to direct loan borrowers whose accounts are distressed or delinquent due to circumstances beyond their control. These benefits include:

- Re-amortization, rescheduling, and/or deferral of loans;
- Rescheduling at the Limited Resource (lower interest) rate;
- Acceptance of conservation contracts on environmentally sensitive land in exchange for reduction of debt and;
- Writing down the debt (delinquent borrowers only).

If none of these options result in a feasible farm operating plan, borrowers may be offered the opportunity to pay off their debt at the current market value of the security. If this is not possible, other options include:

- Debt settlement based on inability to repay;
- In some cases, where a feasible operating plan cannot be developed, FSA works with commercial lenders to help the borrower retain the homestead and up to 10 acres of land.

Farms that come into FSA ownership are sold at market value, with preference given to SDA and beginning farmers.

WHO MAY BORROW

To qualify for assistance, applicants must meet all loan eligibility requirements including:

- Be a family farmer;
- Have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations;
- For direct OL loans, have sufficient education, training, or at least 1-years' experience in managing or operating a farm or ranch within the last 5 years. For direct FO loans, all applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. Other relevant experience, such as post-secondary education, farm apprenticeship, leadership or management experience while serving in any branch of the military or extension programs, may count toward one of the three years' experience required.
- Be a citizen of the United States, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the

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- Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands, a U.S. non-citizen national, or a qualified alien under federal immigration law;
- Be unable to obtain credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to meet actual needs;
 - Possess legal capacity to incur loan obligations;
 - Not be delinquent on a federal debt;
 - Not have caused FSA a loss by receiving debt forgiveness (certain exceptions apply) and;
 - Be within the time restrictions as to the number of years they can receive FSA assistance.

In the case of an entity, certain eligibility requirements apply. The entity must:

- Meet applicant eligibility requirements;
- Be authorized to operate a farm in the state where the actual operation is located, and;
- Be owned by U.S. citizens, U.S. non-citizen nationals or qualified aliens.

For SDA members, they must hold a majority interest in the entity applicant to receive benefits.

If the individuals holding a majority interest in the entity are related by blood or marriage, at least one member must operate the family farm. If they are not related by blood or marriage, the member(s) holding a majority interest must operate the farm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Emergency Loan Program

OVERVIEW

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters or quarantine.

LOAN USES

Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- Restore or replace essential property;
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year;
- Pay essential family living expenses;
- Reorganize the farming operation and;
- Refinance certain debts.

ELIGIBILITY

Emergency loans may be made to farmers and ranchers who:

- Own or operate land located in a county declared by the President or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster area or quarantine area. All counties contiguous to the declared, designated, or quarantined primary counties also are eligible for emergency loans. A disaster designation by the FSA administrator authorizes emergency loan assistance for physical losses only in the designated and contiguous counties;
- Are established family farm operators and have sufficient farming or ranching experience;

- Are citizens or permanent residents of the United States;
- Have suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property;
- Have an acceptable credit history;
- Are unable to receive credit from commercial sources;
- Can provide collateral to secure the loan and;
- Have repayment ability.

LOAN REQUIREMENTS

FSA loan requirements are different from those of other lenders. Some of the more significant differences are the following:

- Borrowers must keep acceptable farm records;
- Borrowers must operate in accordance with a farm plan they develop and agree to with local FSA staff and;
- Borrowers may be required to participate in a financial management training program and obtain crop insurance.

COLLATERAL IS REQUIRED

All emergency loans must be fully collateralized. The specific type of collateral may vary depending on the loan purpose, repayment ability and the individual circumstances of the applicant. If applicants cannot provide adequate collateral, their repayment ability may be considered as collateral to secure the loan. A first lien is required on property or products acquired, produced or refinanced with loan funds.

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LOAN LIMIT

Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

LOAN TERMS

Loans for crop, livestock and non-real estate losses are normally repaid within one to seven years, depending on the loan purpose, repayment ability and collateral available as loan security. In special circumstances, terms of up to 20 years may be authorized. Loans for physical losses to real estate are normally repaid within 30 years. In certain circumstances, repayment may be made over a maximum of 40 years.

CURRENT INTEREST RATE

To find the current emergency loan interest rate, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=fir.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for emergency loans must be received within eight months of the county's disaster or quarantine designation date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on FSA disaster assistance, visit <http://disaster.usda.fsa.gov>. For more information on FSA farm loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans. Further information about this and other FSA programs is available from local FSA offices or on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Microloans

OVERVIEW

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of new, niche and small to mid-sized family farm operations.

Microloans offers more flexible access to credit and serves as an attractive loan alternative for smaller farming operations, like specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA). These smaller farms, including non-traditional farm operations, often face limited financing options.

TYPES OF MICROLOANS

Two types of microloans are available: Farm Operating Loans and Farm Ownership Loans. The microloans are issued to the applicant directly from the USDA FSA.

- Operating microloans can be used for all approved operating expenses authorized by the FSA Operating Loan (OL) Program, including but not limited to: initial start-up expenses; annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents; marketing and distribution expenses; family living expenses; purchase of livestock, equipment and other materials essential to farm operations; minor farm improvements such as wells and coolers; hoop houses to extend the growing season; essential tools; irrigation; and delivery vehicles.
- Ownership microloans can be used for all approved expenses authorized by the FSA Farm Ownership (FO) Loan Program, such as to purchase a farm or farm land, enlarge an existing farm, construct new farm buildings, improve existing farm buildings, pay closing cost and implement soil and water conservation and protection practices.

SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION PROCESS

The microloan application process is simpler, requiring less paperwork to complete, consistent with a smaller loan amount. Requirements for managerial experience and loan security have been modified to

accommodate veterans, smaller farm operations and beginning farmers.

- Microloan applicants for operating loans will need to have some farm experience; however, FSA will consider an applicant's small business experience as well as any experience with a self-guided apprenticeship as a means to meet the farm management requirement. This will assist applicants who have limited farm skills by providing them with an opportunity to gain farm management experience while working with a mentor during the first production and marketing cycle.
- Microloan applicants for ownership loans need to have three years of farm experience out of the last 10 prior to the date of the application being submitted. One of the years can be substituted with any of the following experience:
 - o Post-secondary education, that is at least 16 semester hours in agriculture business, horticulture, animal science, agronomy or other agriculture-related fields
 - o Significant business management, that is at least one year of management experience in a non ag-related field where the applicant's day-to-day responsibilities included direct management experience, such as personnel decisions, payroll and inventory ordering; however, not an individual who is a manager in title only
 - o Military leadership or management that is, as a general rule, any officer or E5 or above will have completed an acceptable military leadership course
 - o If an applicant has successfully repaid an FSA youth loan, the term of that loan may be used towards the three years of management experience required for an ownership loan.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Operating microloans for annual operating expenses must be secured by a first lien on a farm property or agricultural products having a security value of at least 100 percent of the microloan amount, and up to

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150 percent, when available. Operating microloans made for purposes other than annual operating expenses must be secured by a first lien on a farm property or agricultural products purchased with loan funds and having a security value of at least 100 percent of the microloan amount.

Ownership microloans are secured by the real estate being purchased or improved. The value of the real estate must be at least 100 percent of the loan amount.

RATES AND TERMS

For operating microloans, eligible applicants may obtain up to \$50,000. The repayment term may vary and will not exceed seven years. Annual operating loans are repaid within 12 months or when the agricultural commodities produced are sold. Interest rates are based on the regular FSA operating loan rates that are in effect at the time of the microloan approval or microloan closing, whichever is less.

For ownership microloans, eligible applicants may obtain a microloan for up to \$50,000. The repayment term may vary and will not exceed 25 years. Interest rates are the regular FSA farm ownership rates in effect at the time of the loan approval or closing.

OBTAINING FORMS AND SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

FSA microloan application forms can be obtained from the local FSA office or can be downloaded and printed from the USDA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans. Applicants who are having problems gathering information or completing forms should contact their local FSA office for help. After completing the required paperwork, an applicant should submit the farm loan application to their local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A LOAN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED?

After a loan application is submitted, FSA reviews the application and determines if the applicant is eligible for the requested loan. The applicant will receive written notification of each step in the process, such as when the application is received, when more information is needed, when an eligibility

determination is made and when a final decision is made. If the application is approved, FSA makes the loan and funds are distributed as needed. If the application is denied, the applicant is notified in writing of the specific reasons for the denial, and provided reconsideration and appeal rights.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for assistance, the applicant must not be larger than a family-sized farmer, have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms and meet all other loan eligibility requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Farm Loan Programs Contact Information

The Pratt Farm Loan Team will assist applicants for loans in Barber and Comanche Counties, as well as Kiowa and Pratt.

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