

## 26 Required Documentation for Livestock Death and Injury

### A Acceptable Proof of Death or Injury

When CCC-852 is submitted, participants must provide **acceptable** documentation of livestock deaths or injuries claimed on CCC-852, including livestock that the participant claims died because of normal mortality. Adequate documentation must be provided that proves the death or injury of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible loss condition in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.

**Notes:** See subparagraph B for verifiable documentation required for proof of amount livestock owners received for injured livestock sold at a reduced price.

See paragraph 30 for required documentation for livestock death losses and injury due to an eligible attack.

Acceptable documentation must provide sufficient data that identifies the quantity and the livestock kind/type and weight range. Documents providing acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, any or a combination of the following:

- rendering truck receipts or certificates
- FEMA records
- National Guard records
- veterinary records
- records assembled for tax purposes
- private insurance documents
- bank or other loan documents
- contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of event
- pictures with a date
- brand inspection records
- dairy herd improvement records.

\*--**Notes:** In addition, livestock contract growers must provide a copy of their grower contract.

See Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 for examples on reviewing producer applications and supporting documents.--\*

**26 Required Documentation for Livestock Death and Injury (Continued)****B Verifiable Documentation of Amount Received for Sale of Injured Livestock**

When a participant claims that livestock were injured due to an eligible loss condition and were sold at a reduced price, the participant must provide verifiable documentation of the amount received for the sale of injured livestock. The injured livestock must be sold through an independent third party (sale barn, slaughter facility or rendering facility). Only verifiable documentation of the amount received for sale of injured livestock is acceptable. The participant must provide verifiable evidence of injured livestock sold at a reduced price.

Documents that may provide verifiable evidence of amount received for sale of injured livestock sold include but are **not** limited to, any or a combination of the following:

- sales receipt from a livestock auction, sale barn or other similar livestock sales facility
- private insurance documents
- processing plant receipt.

At a minimum, verifiable documentation must have:

- livestock kind, type, and weight
- the price for which the animal was sold.

**\*--Note:** See Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 for examples on reviewing producer applications and supporting documents.--\*

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**C Third Party Certifications for Proof of Death**

\*--If a participant is unable to provide acceptable records as proof of death or injury, according to subparagraph A, the participant must use a third-party certification as proof of death or injury in conjunction with acceptable beginning inventory.--\*

County Office and COC general knowledge of adverse weather or other factors (such as the degree to which predators are or were present) in the area are **not** acceptable as third-party certification under any circumstance.

CED will provide a written monthly report to DD indicating the number of third-party certifications reviewed and approved/disapproved.

Third party certification of livestock deaths or injury may be accepted **only when all** of the following are met:

- **livestock owner or contract grower**, as applicable, completes CCC-854 according to paragraph 27 and certifies to **all** of the following:
  - no other form of proof of death or injury is available
  - number of livestock, by category, in inventory when the deaths or injury occurred

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- physical location of livestock, by category, in inventory when the deaths or injury occurred
- \*--provides acceptable documentation that supports the reasonableness of the number of livestock in inventory when the deaths or injury occurred, as certified by participant according to paragraph 27

**Important:** See subparagraph 28 A for acceptable documentation of--\* beginning inventory required when a third-party certification is provided.

- **third party** completes and certifies on CCC-854 according to paragraph 27 to **all** of the following:
  - specific details about how the third party has knowledge of the animal deaths or injury.
  - the relationship or affiliation (if any) of the third party to the applicant

**Note:** The third party must be an independent source who is **not affiliated** with the farming operation. For instance, a third party cannot be a hired hand or a “family member” defined as a person whom is a member in the farming operation or their spouse is related as lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, sibling, or spouse.

- telephone number and address of the third party
- number and kind/type and weight range of participant’s livestock that died or were injured because of the eligible adverse weather event
- any other details necessary for COC and DD to determine that the certification is acceptable.

**Note:** Although persons signing statements as third parties are not applicants, they are subject to examination by agency or other Government officials regarding the accuracy of their certifications. Third parties are expected to certify only to what they know to be factually true based on their own observation.

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## C Third Party Certifications for Proof of Death (Continued)

COC will review the participant's and third party's certification on CCC-854 and determine all of the following:

- documents provided as evidence of livestock beginning inventory are acceptable
- livestock beginning inventory is reasonable based on documents provided
- claimed losses are reasonable
- third party is a reliable source in a position to have knowledge of loss
- certifications of participant and third party meet all requirements.

**Important:** COC will approve or disapprove the participant and third-party certifications when review is complete, and document review in the COC minutes.

\*--**Note:** See Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 for examples on reviewing producer applications and supporting documents.--\*

**Example 1:** Jane Doe completes CCC-852 certifying 15 head of adult beef cows and 25 nonadult beef cattle less than 400 pounds died because of adverse weather.

Mrs. Doe completes CCC-854 indicating she has no proof of death of the cows and calves because they all drowned when a flash flood covered parts of their pastures, and none of the carcasses were ever located.

Mrs. Doe signs and dates CCC-854 indicating no proof of death is available because the livestock claimed on CCC-852 drowned, and no carcasses were ever located. She also certifies on CCC-854 that when the flash flood occurred she had 200 head of adult beef cows and 180 head of nonadult beef cattle less than 400 pounds in the pasture where the deaths occurred. As evidence of the beginning inventory, Mrs. Doe submits copies of bank loan documents for the purchase of 180 beef cows, purchase receipts for a total of 193 beef cows, and veterinary records indicating she had 185 beef calves wormed in July 2018. Mrs. Doe certifies on CCC-854 that she cannot locate the purchase receipts for the remaining 7 head of beef cows; however, she purchased them at the local county livestock auction in May 2017. Mrs. Doe certifies on CCC-854 that all the beef cows and calves in inventory when the animals drowned were physically located in fields 5, 6, and 7 on tract 1093 of FSN 458 in Jefferson County.

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Mike Green, Mrs. Doe's neighbor, completes CCC-854 certifying that he has knowledge of the livestock deaths claimed by Mrs. Doe because his cattle are located in the pasture adjacent to Mrs. Does', and he witnessed the flash flood cover the area, and cattle being drowned before they could be safely rescued. After reviewing CCC-852, Mr. Green certifies on CCC-854 that he believes the information provided on CCC-852 is true and correct.

COC reviews Mrs. Doe's CCC-852, and CCC-854 provided by Mrs. Doe and Mr. Green, and the documents provided by Mrs. Doe to support the beginning inventory numbers. Based on the information provided, COC requests Mrs. Doe contact the local livestock auction company where the beef cows were purchased and request a copy of the purchase report or receipts.

After obtaining a purchase report from the local auction company indicating Mrs. Doe did purchase 7 beef cows in May 2017, COC determines the evidence of livestock inventory at time of the livestock deaths, and claimed livestock deaths are reasonable based on the information provided on CCC-854 and according to subparagraph H.

COC signs, dates, and approves CCC-854 provided by Mrs. Doe and Mr. Green, and documents the review in the COC minutes during the meeting in which Mrs. Doe's CCC-852 is approved by COC.

27 CCC-854, Livestock Indemnity Program Third Party Certification

A Completing CCC-854

Complete CCC-854 according to the following table:

Item	Instruction
1	Enter State and County Code. This is the service center State and county responsible for the physical location county where the livestock deaths or injuries occurred.
2	Enter the calendar year the eligible loss condition occurred that caused the livestock death loss.
3	Enter County Office name and address.
<b>Part A – Livestock Producer Information</b>	
4	Enter the participant’s name and address, including city, State and ZIP code.
<b>Part B – Livestock Producer Certification of Livestock and Losses</b>	
5	Enter the eligible loss condition and date.
6	Enter “YES” if the producer in item 4 is a contract grower. Otherwise, enter “NO”.
7	<p>Enter livestock kind/type and weight range for which loss occurred, for which no other proof of death is available.</p> <p>An entry in this field is always required when there is a loss in a particular kind/type and weight range of livestock for which no other proof of death is available.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Livestock by kind, type, and weight range can be obtained from the local FSA office or LIP Fact Sheet located at <a href="http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov">http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov</a>.</p>

## 27 CCC-854, Livestock Indemnity Program Third Party Certification (Continued)

## A Completing CCC-854 (Continued)

Item	Instruction
8	Enter "YES" if the producer in item 4 is claiming death losses of unweaned livestock. Otherwise, enter "NO".
9	Enter the total number of livestock lost, by kind/type and weight range, for which no other form of proof of death or injury is available.
10	Enter the physical location of livestock in inventory when deaths or injury occurred. Include the name of the county where the livestock were located when the deaths or injury occurred.  <b>Example:</b> Jones County, Texas, farm 100
11	Enter the type of documentation provided to support reasonableness of livestock in inventory when deaths or injury occurred.  Type of records may include but is not limited to:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• veterinary records</li> <li>• loan records</li> <li>• farm credit balance sheets.</li> </ul>
<b>Part C - Livestock Producer Certification</b>	
12A	Participant or representative of participant signs to indicate that livestock losses have occurred because of an eligible loss condition, that no other form of proof of death or injury is available, the number livestock lost in item 9 were in inventory when the loss occurred, the livestock lost were physically located as described in item 10, and all other information provided is true and correct.
12B	Signatory in item 12A shall enter their title/relationship when signing in the representative capacity.  <b>Note:</b> If a participant/applicant is <b>not</b> signing in the representative capacity, this field should be left blank. If a participant/applicant is signing on behalf of themselves, it is acceptable to write "self"; however, it is <b>not</b> necessary.
12C	Participant or participant's representative enters signature date.

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Item	Instruction
<b>Part D – Third Party Certification Information</b>	
13	Enter the name and address including city, State, and ZIP code of the third party.
14	Enter the telephone number of the third party.
15	Enter the relationship or affiliation of the third party to the participant. A third party must be an independent source such as veterinarian, neighbor or other (but not a hired hand or family member).
<b>Part E – Third Party – Specific Details of Livestock Deaths and/or Injury</b>	
16	<p>Enter specific details about how the third party has knowledge of the animal deaths and/or injury.</p> <p>Written details should be specific about the knowledge of the animal deaths and/or injury and could include pictures or other documentation, if available.</p> <p>Written details should also include dates of eligible loss condition, type of adverse weather event, and physical location of third party relevant to the location of the participant’s livestock that died or were injured or participant’s farm.</p>
<b>Part F –Third Party – Certification of Livestock Deaths and/or Injury</b>	
17	<p>Enter the livestock kind/type and weight range of the participant’s livestock that died and/or injured because of an eligible loss condition that the third party has knowledge of.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Livestock kind/type and weight range can be obtained from the local FSA office or LIP Fact Sheet located at <a href="http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov">http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov</a>.</p>
18	Enter the number of livestock that died because of an eligible loss condition, for the specific kind/type and weight range entered in item 17 that the third party has knowledge of.
19	Enter the number of livestock injured because of an eligible loss condition, for the specific kind/type and weight range entered in item 17 that the third party has knowledge of.

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Item	Instruction
<b>Part G – Third Party Certification of Other Details</b>	
20	Enter any other relevant details related to the livestock deaths or injury the third party is certifying to.
<b>Part H – Third Party Signature Certification</b>	
21A through 21B	<p>After reading the certification, third party signs and dates.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> Third parties are responsible for the accuracy of any certification given to FSA. The certification of any fact on CCC-854 is subject to verification. Certifications must be based on the third party’s own personal observation and knowledge.</p>
<b>Part I - County Committee Determination</b>	
22 through 27	<p>COC will review the participant’s and third party’s certification and document their determination by checking “YES” or “NO” to each of the questions in Part I. If “NO”, is checked for any of the questions, COC will explain their determination in item 28.</p>
28	Enter explanations from items 22 through 27.
29	<p>Enter COC signature.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Only COC can “approve” or “disapprove” a third party certification.</p>
30	Enter date of COC action.
31	Enter a check in “approved” or “disapproved” box.



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**B Example of CCC-854 (Continued)**

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<b>PART D – THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION</b>		
13. Third Party's Name and Address ( <i>City, State and Zip Code</i> )	14. Phone Number ( <i>Include Area Code</i> )	15. Affiliation to Producer
<b>PART E – THIRD PARTY - SPECIFIC DETAILS OF LIVESTOCK DEATHS AND/OR INJURY</b>		
16. Based upon my personal observation of the animals and the knowledge of the deaths and/or injury of the animals on this form, I, as the third party identified in Item 13, provide the following details about the loss condition responsible for livestock death and/or injury; and how and when I came into possession of that information.		
<b>PART F – THIRD PARTY – CERTIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK DEATHS AND/OR INJURY</b>		
17. <b>Livestock Kind/Type and Weight Range</b> <small>(Can be obtained from the local FSA office or LIP Fact Sheet located at <a href="https://disaster.fsa.usda.gov">https://disaster.fsa.usda.gov</a>)</small>	18. <b>Number that Have Died Due to Eligible Loss Condition</b>	19. <b>Number Injured Due to Eligible Loss Condition</b>
<b>PART G – THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF OTHER DETAILS</b>		
20. Other relevant details including type of injury and livestock description.		
<b>PART H – THIRD PARTY SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION</b>		
I certify that:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The specific details of my knowledge of the animal deaths and/or injury as provided in Item 16 are based on my own personal observation and personal experience.</li> <li>The number of livestock reported as having died, by kind/type and weight range, in Item 18 was due to the loss condition mentioned in Item 16.</li> <li>The number of livestock reported as injured by kind/type and weight range in Item 19 was due to the loss condition discussed in Item 16.</li> <li>All information on this form, whether actually personally entered by me or not, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.</li> </ul>		
21A. Third Party's Signature	21B. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	

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<b>PART I – COUNTY COMMITTEE DETERMINATION</b>			
		YES	NO
22.	Documents provided as evidence of livestock verifiable beginning and ending inventory are acceptable. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23.	Livestock inventory is reasonable based on documents provided. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24.	Claimed livestock losses are reasonable. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25.	Claimed livestock injuries are reasonable. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26.	Third party is a reliable source in a position to have knowledge of loss or injury. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27.	Certification of participant and third party meet all requirements. If "NO", explain in Item 28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28.	Comment(s):		
29. COC Signature		30. Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	31. Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved

## 28 Required Livestock Beginning Inventory Documentation

### A Acceptable Beginning Inventory Records

\*--Livestock owners and livestock contract growers must provide acceptable documentation--\* of their livestock beginning inventory according to this paragraph.

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\*--Documents that may provide acceptable evidence of livestock beginning inventory include, but are **not** limited to, any or a combination of the following:

- veterinary records
- canceled check documentation
- balance sheets
- inventory records used for tax purposes
- loan records
- bank statements
- farm credit balance sheets
- property tax records
- brand inspection records
- sales and purchase receipts
- private insurance documents
- chattel inspections
- contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of event
- brand inspection records
- docking records
- shearing records
- ear tag records
- trucking and/or livestock hauling records.

For unweaned livestock, COC may accept the combination of both the following as **acceptable evidence of beginning inventory**:

- acceptable beginning inventory of the adult livestock, adjusted based on the applicable--\* livestock stocking rate
- results from a pregnancy check or ultrasound conducted by a third party, such as, but not limited to a veterinarian.

**28 Required Livestock Beginning Inventory Documentation (Continued)****A Acceptable Beginning Inventory Records (Continued)**

**Example:** George Aid reports a livestock beginning inventory of 50 beef cows, 2 bulls, and 44 beef calves. George Aid does not have acceptable beginning inventory for the 44 beef calves. However, Mr. Aid provides the County Office with veterinary records and bank statements as acceptable evidence of a beginning inventory of 50 beef cattle. The normal calving rate of 90 percent would yield 45 (50 times 90 percent) calves. Mr. Aid provides ultrasound reports from a veterinarian that confirms 44 out of the 50 head of adult beef cattle were pregnant. Based on the ultrasound reports and the calving rate, a beginning inventory of 44 calves appears reasonable. COC should question the newborn livestock beginning inventory if it appears unreasonable when compared to the applicable stocking rate and the ultrasound reports.

**\*--Notes:** For unweaned livestock, if a producer cannot meet the acceptable beginning inventory requirements, the producer's beginning inventory may be determined according to subparagraph C using the CCC-856.

See Exhibits 7, 8, and 9 for examples on reviewing producer applications and supporting documents.--\*