

# HAVE YOU LOST LIVESTOCK DUE TO WILDFIRES?

## Consider Applying for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Livestock Indemnity Program provides financial assistance to eligible livestock owners or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by an eligible adverse weather event, including wildfire.

### Am I Eligible?

To be eligible for LIP you must have:

- Owned the livestock as of the day of the eligible wildfire;
- Had the production and market risks associated with the production of the livestock; and
- Had legal ownership of the eligible livestock for which benefits are being requested.

### Are My Livestock Eligible?

Eligible livestock must have:

- Been maintained or produced for commercial use, and
- Died no later than 30 calendar days after the ending date of the eligible wildfire (deaths must exceed normal mortality).

Eligible livestock include:

- Adult/non-adult beef cattle, adult/non-adult beefalo/bison, adult/non-adult buffalo, adult/non-adult dairy cattle, elk, alpacas, caribou, deer, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep, and swine.

### What Documentation Do I Need?

#### Acceptable Proof of Death:

- Participants must provide acceptable documentation of livestock deaths claimed on FSA form CCC-852. Documentation must be provided that proves the death of the livestock occurred as a direct result of the eligible wildfire. This documentation must provide sufficient data that identifies the quantity and the livestock kind/type and weight range. Documents that may be provided as acceptable evidence may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Rendering truck receipts or certificates
  - Contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of event
  - Veterinary records
  - Pictures with a date
  - Records assembled for tax purposes
  - Brand inspection records
  - Private insurance documents
  - Dairy herd improvement records
  - Bank or other loan documents
- If a participant is unable to provide acceptable records, from above, as proof of death, then the participant must use a third-party certification as proof of death. Participants and their third-party must complete FSA form CCC-854 for the third-party certification. *Note\* - the third party must be an independent source who is not affiliated with the farming operation, cannot be a hired hand or a family member.*

### Deadline

- **Impacted producers are encouraged to notify FSA office of losses as soon as possible.**
- Notice of loss and application for payment deadline is March 1, 2025.



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### FSA Contacts in Impacted Counties:

Find your local FSA office online  
at [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator)

### Acceptable Beginning Inventory Records:

- Livestock owners must provide acceptable documentation of their livestock beginning inventory. Documents that may provide acceptable evidence of beginning inventory include, but are not limited to, 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
  - Docking records
  - Shearing records
  - Ear tag records
  - Trucking and/or livestock hauling records

### Required Eligibility Documents (FSA forms):

- CCC-941, Adjusted Gross Income form
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification
- CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan

