

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) is a new program to provide compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought conditions or loss due to fire on Federally managed land (BLM, Forest Service, etc.) only.

To be eligible for the 2009 program, producers must purchase Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) or Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Program Vegetative Index (PRF-VI). **PRF-VI may be purchased from a crop insurance provider by November 30, 2008. NAP may be purchased from FSA through December 1, 2008.** Producers must choose between PRF-VI and NAP. You can not purchase both policies on the same unit.

**GRAZING LOSSES DUE TO DROUGHT WILL BE DETERMINED
USING THE INTENSITY LEVELS OF THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR.**

Losses are paid on a monthly rate, determined by the monthly feed cost of livestock using a feed grain equivalent or the monthly feed cost calculated using normal carrying capacity for the grazing land.

Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Program (SURE) Risk management purchase requirements have been amended for SURE eligibility so that crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage. Risk Management purchase requirements also requires Insurance to be purchased to be eligible for tree assistance program and emergency livestock, honeybees and farm-related fish programs.

Please contact your Farm Service Agency at 307-347-2456 or your local crop insurance agent before the November 30th or December 1st deadline as applicable, to be eligible for these disaster programs.

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