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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM 2005-2007

Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007.

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must:

- Be dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, rein-deer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that;
- Have been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period;
- Have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the disaster period; and
- Not have been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS

To be eligible for LCP, producers must have:

- Either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock (but not both for the same livestock) on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period(s); and
- Suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feed-stuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster event(s) during the applicable disaster period(s) and the feed lost or additional incurred feed costs were intended for use with eligible livestock.

PAYMENTS

FSA will calculate LCP payments by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category by the number of eligible livestock in each category. The national payment rate represents 61 percent of the cost for corn needed to maintain the specific livestock for 30 days, as determined by FSA.

LCP benefits may not exceed the smaller of the calculated payment rate or the value of the feed loss as determined by FSA. Producers may receive no more than \$80,000 under LCP. An individual or entity, whose average adjusted gross income exceeds \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are requested, is ineligible for LCP benefits unless 75 percent or more of their income is from agriculture.

SIGN-UP

Sign-up for LCP began September 10, 2007. Livestock producers must submit applications in their administrative county FSA Office.

APPLYING FOR LCP

Livestock producers applying for LCP must submit the following:

- A completed application in their administrative county FSA Office;
- Adequate proof, as determined by FSA, that the feed loss or incurred additional feed costs:
 - Were for the claimed eligible livestock;
 - Occurred as a direct result of an eligible disaster event(s) during an eligible disaster period(s) in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested;
- Other supporting documentation necessary to determine the appli-

cant's eligibility. Supporting documents may include, but are not limited to, verifiable purchase records, veterinarian records, bank or other loan papers, rendering truck receipts, Federal Emergency Management Agency records, National Guard records, written contracts, production records, Internal Revenue Service records, property tax records, private insurance documents; and

- The application must be filed during the application period.

Other application guidelines include:

- Payments may be made for eligible losses suffered by an eligible producer who is now deceased, or 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 of the entity at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representative(s) must sign the application for payment:
- Data furnished by the applicant will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits;
- A minor is eligible to apply for program benefits if all eligibility requirements are met and one of the following conditions exist:
 - The right of majority has been conferred upon the minor by court proceedings or statute;
 - A guardian has been appointed to manage the minor's property and the applicable program documents are executed by the guardian; or
 - The bond is furnished under which a surety guarantees any loss incurred for which the minor would be liable as an adult.



LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters

that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007.

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

To be eligible for LIP, an owner or contract grower's livestock must have been located in a county or contiguous county designated a natural disaster by the president or declared by the US Secretary of Agriculture between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007. Also, producers in counties and contiguous counties that received an approved Administrator's Physical Loss Notification (APLN), when the APLN is directly associated to a natural disaster designated by President Bush, are eligible.

Livestock producers incurring livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 and 2007 calendar years may only select one year in which to receive assistance.

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK OWNERS

To be eligible for LIP, a livestock producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock that died.

To be eligible for LIP, an owner's livestock must have also met the following conditions. The livestock must:

- Have died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event(s): after Jan. 1, 2005 and before Feb. 28, 2007; no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable disaster period(s) but before Feb. 28, 2007; and in the calendar year for which benefits are requested.
- Have been maintained for a commercial farming operation on the day they died; and
- Not have been produced for reasons other than commercial farming. This includes wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, pets, roping or for show.

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK OF CONTRACT GROWERS

To be eligible for LIP, a contract grower must have had the following on the day the livestock died:

- A written agreement with the eligible livestock owner setting the specific

- terms, conditions and obligations of the parties involved regarding the production of livestock; and
- Control of the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died.

To be eligible for LIP, a contract grower's livestock also must have met the following conditions. The livestock must:

- Have died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event(s); after Jan. 1, 2005 and before Feb. 28, 2007; no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable disaster period(s) but before Feb. 28, 2007; 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 farming. This includes wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes, such as hunting, pets or for show.



PAYMENTS

USDA calculates LIP payments by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category by the number of eligible livestock in each category. USDA bases the LIP national payment rate for eligible livestock contract growers on 26 percent of the average income loss sustained by the contract grower with respect to the dead livestock.

Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LIP benefits. Also, an individual or entity whose average adjusted gross income exceeds \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are requested is ineligible for LIP benefits unless 75 percent or more of their income is from agriculture.

SIGN-UP

Producers may apply to receive LIP benefits at local FSA service centers beginning Sept. 10, 2007.

APPLYING FOR LIP

Producers should submit completed LIP applications to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business. The producer should 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 location of the livestock at the time of death.

Visit the county FSA Office for more details.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) COVERAGE

The non-insured Crop Disaster Insurance Program (NAP) is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. NAP is available for commercial crops or agricultural commodities except livestock for which federal crop insurance is not available. Producers with NAP coverage must complete the following in order to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file accurate acreage reports and keep a record of harvested production using acceptable methods.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of the disaster event, or as soon as a loss is apparent, due to natural disaster condition.
- Timely file production records no later than the next year's subsequent acreage reporting date.
- Report any changes to your farming operation or gross income, as they occur.
- Annually pay the administrative fee in the county for the crops that you wish to receive NAP coverage. The fee is \$100 per crop per county, with a maximum of \$300



per county with a limit of \$900 for all crops in all counties.

2008 NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

- 12/1/2007 Honey
- 12/15/2007 Fruit & nut tree crops
- 12/01/2007 Forage Crops
(Hay and Native pasture)**
- 01/01/2008 2009 Citrus Crops
- 03/01/2008 2008 Annual spring planted crops (vegetables)

FARMING OPERATION CHANGES AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Please remember to report changes to your farm operation when they occur, including changes from individual land ownership to a revocable trust, members of entities that are

added or deleted, etc. Due to recent auditing of FSA records, signature authority rules and accurate farm records and reporting, will be strictly enforced. Failure to report changes may result in ineligibility and/or refunds of program benefits.



Dates to Remember	
11/02/2007	Ballots mailed out for COC elections.
11/22/2007	Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
12/03/2007	Last day to return ballots for COC elections.
12/25/2007	Christmas Day-Office Closed
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Grasslands Reserve Program

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