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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM SIGN-UP

The Jasper County FSA Office is currently conducting a sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) which provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007.

Producers need to obtain the information as indicated on back of this newsletter and then call the county office to make an appointment to attend a sign-up meeting.

Eligible Livestock

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must: be dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, 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; 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 feedstuffs, 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 (Adult Beef \$10.66, Adult Dairy \$27.72, Non adult cattle 500 lbs or more \$8.00) 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.

Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005 or 2006 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits. Producers may not receive duplicate benefits under LCP for the same loss or any similar loss if they previously received payments under the 2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program (**LAGP was paid by the state of Missouri in 2006**). A producer who applies for benefits under LCP in calendar year 2006 will have their LCP payment reduced by the amount of payment re-

ceived under the 2006 LAGP. 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 dollars 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

LIVESTOCK IDEMNITY PROGRAM

The U .S. Troop Readiness, Veterans Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to livestock producers who suffered the death of eligible livestock between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, as the result of an eligible disaster. The program to provide these benefits is called the Livestock Indemnity Program or LIP for short. To qualify, a producer had to lose livestock due to a Secretarial or Presidential declared disaster event. **Jasper County producers will qualify under the 2007 Ice Storm only.**

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK

Eligible livestock includes:

- Cattle- beef or dairy
- Buffalo/ beefalo
- Equine animals
- Sheep and goats
- Deer
- Catfish
- Crawfish
- Poultry

To be eligible, livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation and must have died as a result of the 2007 Ice Storm.

Livestock kept for recreational purposes such as roping, hunting, pleasure, as pets, for show, or personal consumption is not eligible.

Livestock held by contract growers are eligible if all of the following conditions are met:

1. It was in the possession of the contract grower on the date it died

2. Been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation
3. Died in a disaster approved county from an approved disaster event
4. Been either swine or poultry

An Eligible livestock owner is anyone who had legal ownership on the date the livestock died, and is a citizen or legal resident of the United States or a Native American tribe or entity chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act.

A contract grower is eligible if they possessed a financial interest in eligible livestock based on the terms and conditions of their written contract with the livestock owner and they suffered a loss of income as a direct result of the death of the eligible livestock subject to the terms and conditions of their contract and the contract grower is a U. S. citizen or resident legal alien or a Native American tribe.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

An applicant will be required to provide documentation of claimed livestock death losses.

Such documentation may be:

- Rendering truck receipts
- Veterinary records
- Private insurance documents

If none of these are available, a third party certification may be accepted only when:

The producer certifies in writing that no other proof of death is available, the number by category in inventory at the time of the death losses, the physical location of the livestock at the time the deaths occurred, and provides verifiable documentation that supports the reasonableness of the number of livestock in inventory.

AND

A third party provides a written signed and dated statement that includes all of the following:

- Specific details about how the third party has knowledge of the deaths
- The affiliation of the third party to the livestock owner (i.e. neighbor, veterinarian, other)
- Telephone number and address of the third party
- Number and type of the livestock that died because of the disaster event
- Any other details necessary for the County Committee to determine if the certification is acceptable.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007 (**Wheat**), or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007 (**Wheat**). Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year

When and Where to Apply

Sign-up for quantity losses under CDP begins Oct. 15, 2007, at local FSA service centers nationwide. FSA will announce sign-up for quality losses under CDP as soon as possible. The final day to sign-up has not been determined.

Your FSA Office will have the RMA download and can determine who had crop insurance in 2005, 2006, or 2007. In most cases the County Office will be able to prepare your application based on the RMA download. In Jasper County we plan to load all applications and will notify the eligible producers by postcard when applications are ready to be completed and signed. By doing this we hope to avoid you having to wait in lines at the office.

FSA offices may accept information from producers about quality losses when producers submit applications for quantity losses. However, FSA will only consider quality loss applications complete after FSA announces the quality loss sign-up date and all other information necessary to determine eligibility is received by FSA. Also, FSA will not consider applications completed for any loss, including quantity losses, until a final rule has been issued for this program.

Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Eligibility

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Participants must have been in compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the applicable crop year.

Qualifying 2005, 2006 or 2007 Quantity Crop Losses

To receive CDP benefits for quantity losses, the FSA county committee must determine that, because of eligible damaging weather, the producer:

- was prevented from planting a crop;
- sustained a loss in excess of 35 percent of the expected production of a crop; or
- sustained a loss in excess of 35 percent of the value for value-loss crops.

Rates and Yields; Calculating Payments

For yield-based crops, FSA calculates CDP payments by multiplying the payment rate established for the crop times 42 percent payment level (set by law) times the loss of production. The loss of production must exceed 35 percent of the expected production of the unit.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. WE CANNOT SIGN YOU UP UNLESS WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION. NORMALLY PRODUCERS WILL FILE FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY HAVE THE GREATER NUMBER LIVESTOCK QUALIFYING.

Livestock Numbers On Hand:

Kind	Type	Weight	As of 1/1/2005	As of 8/1/2005	As of 1/1/2006
Beef/ Buffalo/Beefalo	Adult*	Cow and Bulls			
	Non-adult	500# and over *see note below			
Dairy	Adult*	Cows and Bulls			
	Non-adult	500# and over *see note below			
Sheep/Goats	All				
Equine	All				

Adult livestock include females that have had 1 or more offspring or are pregnant and males that are at least 2 years old and used for breeding purposes.

Deer, Swine, Elk, Poultry, and Reindeer are also eligible.

NOTE: FOR NON ADULT LIVESTOCK 500 # AND OVER YOU WILL NEED TO BRING COPIES OF YOUR SALES DOCUMENTS TO SHOW PROOF OF WEIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP DURING DISASTER PERIOD FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (2005 OR 2006).

PASTURELAND:

Type	2005 Acres	Number of days normally grazed**see note below	grazing loss
Improved cool season			%
			%
Native warm season			%
			%

Type	2006 Acres	Number of days normally grazed**see note below	grazing loss
Improved cool season			%
			%
Native warm season			%
			%

NOTE: ** Cool Season grazing period = 214 days (April 15 thru November 15)

Warm Season grazing period = 92 days (June 1 thru August 31)

Adjust the days if you take hay or seed and the acres are not available for the full period (for example: if grazed 3 months = 90 days; if grazed 4 months = 120 days, etc.)

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