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Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP)

Juan M. Ortiz-Serbiá, Puerto Rico State Executive Director of the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA), announces that the sign-up period for the Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) program will begin on April 15th, 2014, at the local FSA Service Centers.

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the LIP a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to October 1, 2011. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law. LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock on the day before the date of death of the livestock as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary.

An eligible livestock owner must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock death loss occurred. Eligible livestock includes: beef cattle, dairy cattle, bison, poultry, sheep, swine, farm working horses, and other livestock as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Eligible contract growers must be in possession of the eligible livestock at the time death occurred.

Livestock owners should record all pertinent information of livestock death losses due to adverse weather or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law. Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, can be supplemented with: photographs or video records to document the loss (dated if possible), purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes, private insurance documents, and other similar documents.

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