

For: State and County Offices

LFP Eligible Counties Report

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1 Overview

A Background

An eligible livestock producer may receive assistance under LFP for grazing losses because of a qualifying drought that occurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. Grazing losses for the covered livestock must occur on land that is either:

- native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover
- planted to crops planted specifically for providing grazing for covered livestock such as:
 - small grains
 - forage sorghum
- physically located in a county that is, during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county, rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a any of the following:
 - D2 (severe drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least 8 consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county
 - D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county
 - D3 (extreme drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least 4 weeks during the normal grazing period (not consecutive weeks) for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county or is rated as having a D4 (exceptional drought) intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period for the specific grazing land or pastureland for the county.

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May 1, 2010	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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B Purpose

This notice:

- provides the link for accessing a list of counties eligible for LFP for calendar years 2008 and 2009
- explains how to determine the drought intensity level applicable for each specific pasture type
- informs each State and County Office that the report will be updated on a weekly basis.

2 LFP Eligible Counties

A LFP Eligible Counties Report

A report is now available to identify counties that are eligible for LFP. The LFP Eligible Counties Report may be found at <http://fsaintranet.sc.gov.usda.gov/ffas/farmbill/ccc/>. Under “LFP”, CLICK “LFP Eligible Counties”.

This report will be updated to the above web site on a weekly basis.

B Using LFP Eligible Counties Report

The report contains the following columns:

- State
- County
- Program Year
- Pasture Type
- D2 Qualifying Date
- D3a Qualifying Date
- D3b Qualifying Date
- D4 Qualifying Date.

Note: The report will only contain counties that are eligible for 1 or more pasture types. If a county is not listed, that county is not eligible for any pasture types.

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B Using LFP Eligible Counties Report

The following explains how to determine the drought intensity level applicable to each pasture type:

IF a date is present for...	AND there are no dates present for...	THEN the county is eligible for a drought intensity rating of...
D2 Qualifying Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D3a Qualifying Date • D3b Qualifying Date • D4 Qualifying Date 	<p>D2.</p> <p>Note: All or a portion of the county was rated a D2 drought intensity for 8 consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land. This equates to a drought intensity payment factor of 1.</p>
<p>D3a Qualifying Date</p> <p>Note: A date may also be present for D2 Qualifying Date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D3b Qualifying Date • D4 Qualifying Date 	<p>D3.</p> <p>Note: All or a portion of the county was rated a D3 drought intensity for 1 day during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land. This equates to a drought intensity payment factor of 2.</p>
<p>D3b Qualifying Date</p> <p>Note: A date may also be present for a D2 and/or a D3a Qualifying Date.</p>	D4 Qualifying Date	<p>D4.</p> <p>Note: All or a portion of the county was rated a D3 drought intensity for 4 weeks (nonconsecutive weeks) during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land. This equates to a drought intensity payment factor of 3.</p>
<p>D4 Qualifying Date</p> <p>Note: A date may also be present for a D2, D3a, and/or D3b Qualifying Date.</p>		<p>D4.</p> <p>Note: All or a portion of the county was rated a D4 drought intensity for 1 day during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land. This equates to a drought intensity payment factor of 3.</p>

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C Determining Beginning Date of Qualifying Drought

The beginning date of a qualifying drought is used to determine eligible livestock under LFP. Eligible livestock are livestock that the eligible livestock producer owned, leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase, or was a contract grower of at anytime during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of a qualifying drought.

The beginning date of a qualifying drought for a specific type of grazing land or pastureland for a:

- D2 drought intensity rating is the first day of the 8 consecutive week period during the normal grazing period for the specific type of pasture that the county was rated D2 on the U. S. Drought Monitor
- D3 or D4 drought intensity rating is the first day that a county was rated a D3 or D4 on the U. S. Drought Monitor during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or the first day the county was rated D3 for any 4 week period during the normal grazing period during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land.

The LFP Eligible Counties Report may list multiple qualifying start dates better known as “beginning dates of qualifying drought” for a specific type of pasture. In these type of situations, the earliest “qualifying start date” for that specific type of pasture will be the “beginning date of the qualifying drought” for that specific type of pasture.

Example: County A has a native pasture D2 qualifying date of May 5, 2008, a D3a qualifying date of June 06, 2008, and a D4 qualifying date of July 2, 2008. The earliest qualifying date for native pasture is the D2 qualifying date of May 5, 2008, which will be the date the county will use as the beginning date of the qualifying drought to determine livestock eligibility.

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3 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- access the LFP Eligible Counties Report according to subparagraph 2 A to determine LFP eligibility
- accept LFP applications for physical location counties listed on the LFP Eligible Counties Report
- **not** accept applications for physical location counties not listed on the LFP Eligible Counties Report
- ensure that the appropriate beginning date of qualifying drought is used to determine livestock eligibility according to subparagraph 2 C.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are immediately notified of the contents of this notice.