

For: State and County Offices

**Establishing Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
Normal Grazing Periods for Annual Ryegrass and Annual Crabgrass**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses:

- because of a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county
- on rangeland managed by a Federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the Federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland because of a qualifying fire during the calendar year.

Note: The qualifying drought or fire must have occurred on or after October 1, 2011.

For drought, the losses must have occurred:

- on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted to a crop planted specifically for grazing for covered livestock
- because of a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the specific type of pastureland or grazing land in the county during the calendar year.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2015	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

A Background (Continued)

1-LDAP (Rev. 1), subparagraph 411 I provides that the different types or varieties of pasture and grazing crops for a county under LFP shall be grouped into 1 of the following:

- improved pasture with permanent vegetative cover (nonirrigated)
- native pasture with permanent vegetative cover (nonirrigated)
- small grain crops planted specifically to provide grazing for covered livestock (nonirrigated)
- forage sorghum crops planted specifically to provide grazing for covered livestock (nonirrigated).

Note: LFP eligibility is based on a calendar year.

Normal grazing period means the normal grazing period during the calendar year for each specific type of grazing land or pastureland in a county.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that for 2011 and subsequent calendar years:

- DAFP has determined that nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass planted specifically to provide grazing for covered livestock is eligible for LFP
- STC's shall establish normal grazing periods for nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass only in those counties where nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated crabgrass is planted specifically to provide grazing for covered livestock

Note: A normal grazing period shall not be established for annual ryegrass interseeded into other forages. Annual ryegrass interseeded into other forages is considered a mixed forage and shall be included in the grazing period for improved pastures.

- the nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass normal grazing period established for each county shall be consistent with those established for **NAP** purposes, if applicable.

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2 Normal Grazing Periods for Nonirrigated Ryegrass and Nonirrigated Crabgrass

A Establishing Normal Grazing Periods for Nonirrigated Ryegrass and Nonirrigated Crabgrass

STC's shall:

- establish normal grazing periods for nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass only in those counties where nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated crabgrass is planted specifically to provide grazing for covered livestock

Note: A normal grazing period shall not be established for annual ryegrass interseeded into other forages. Annual ryegrass interseeded into other forages is considered a mixed forage and shall be included in the grazing period for improved pastures.

- ensure that the nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass normal grazing periods established for each county are consistent with those established for **NAP** purposes, if applicable
- submit the normal grazing period dates for each county by e-mail to either of the following:
 - Scotty Abbott at scotty.abbott@wdc.usda.gov
 - Alison Groenwoldt at alison.groenwoldt@wdc.usda.gov.

B Deadline

All normal grazing periods for nonirrigated annual ryegrass and nonirrigated annual crabgrass shall be submitted to the National Office no later than August 29, 2014.