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# Newsletter

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Flagstaff Service Center - Farm Service Agency - Servicing Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai Counties



## LFP Deadline January 30, 2011

Applications are now being accepted from eligible livestock producers in **Coconino county** for the **Livestock Forage Disaster Program** or **LFP**.

Under LFP, livestock producers who maintain control of grazing or pasture land physically located within a county that has a drought designation as determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor, are eligible to apply for benefits.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, **Coconino County** has been experiencing a **D3 intensity drought** since August 23.

Eligible producers can now apply for a payment equal to a three-monthly feed cost\*.

LFP benefits are paid according to the intensity rating of the drought and are based on the **lesser of: Grazing Land Value or Livestock Feed Cost value.**

\*The monthly feed cost is calculated using the corn equivalent cost to feed an animal for one month. So for a drought designation of:

- ▶ D3 - for 4 weeks producers can receive a payment equal to a **three month** feed cost.

**Sign-up**

Please visit your local FSA office to apply.

**Deadline**

## January 30, 2012

***If you have already  
signed up,  
no action is necessary***

## NOTICE to Hispanic or Woman Farmer & Ranchers

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. You may be eligible if:

1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing from USDA during that period; and
2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
3. you believe these actions occurred because you are Hispanic or female.

To register your name to receive a claims package, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at **1-888-508-4429** or access the following website:

**[www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)**

Claims Administrator began mailing claims packages to those who have requested one through the Call Center or website. The claims package has detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

In order to participate, you must submit a claim to the Claims Administrator by the end of the claims period.

If you are currently represented by counsel regarding allegations of discrimination against USDA or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination by USDA, you should contact your counsel regarding this claims process.

USDA Cannot Provide Legal Advice to You.

You are not required to hire an attorney to file a claim, but you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community for additional guidance.

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## **POLICY NOTICE: Signature Authority for Spouses**

When applying for FSA programs, spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA or CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the County Office. This includes spouses signing on behalf of each other for a husband/wife joint venture with a permanent tax ID number and a sole proprietorship, unless written notification denying a spouse authority has been provided to the FSA County Office.

Exceptions to this rule are;

- Spouses shall not sign an FSA-211 Signature Authority document on behalf of the other
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities
- Spouses may not sign the newly implemented CCC-931 Adjusted Gross Income Certification form on behalf of each other

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact our office.

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