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FSA REMINDS PRODUCERS OF JAN 30 DEADLINE FOR LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD, IL – January 10, 2012 – Scherrie Giamanco, State Executive Director for USDA’s Illinois Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds Illinois livestock owners who had disaster related losses in 2011 to visit their local Farm Service Agency office before January 30 to file an application for payment through the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible livestock owners and contract growers for eligible livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather including losses due to floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold.

Producers must have filed a notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock was apparent or December 29, 2011. A notice of loss can be reported to the FSA office by phone, fax, or e-mail. Eligible livestock deaths must have occurred in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. An application for payment must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred. For 2011 losses, the application for payment must be filed no later than Jan. 30, 2012. Late filed applications will be disapproved.