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Signup Periods

September 10, 2007

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

October 15, 2007

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

To Be Determined

Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP)
Quality Loss

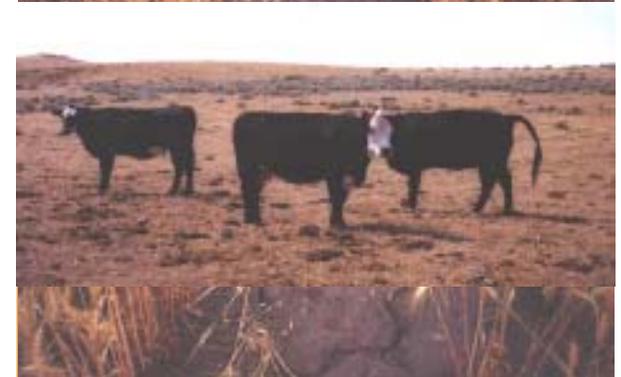
How to Signup for the Programs

Contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for specific program eligibility, payment rates, forms, etc.



Montana Farm Service Agency

2007 Disaster Assistance



Disaster Aid Programs for Montana Agricultural Producers for Losses Occurring in Either 2005, 2006, or 2007

Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 or producers located in counties contiguous to those counties are eligible. Also producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible for the Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program. The Crop Disaster Program does not require a disaster declaration.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Signup begins September 10, 2007

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007 due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The following livestock operations are eligible: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, deer, or swine.

Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided.

The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the USDA determined national payment rate.

Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

Eligible producers must choose the disaster year for which they wish to receive benefits.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Signup begins September 10, 2007

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007 that resulted from natural disasters.

Eligible livestock under LIP include: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, or deer.

The payment rate will be 26 percent of the market value of the livestock on the day before the date of death, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. These rates will be available at the FSA office during the sign-up period.

Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LIP benefits.

Eligible producers must choose only one year for which they wish to receive benefits.

Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP)

The signup date for DDAP has currently not been set.

DDAP provides benefits to dairy producers for dairy production losses. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared disaster areas are eligible.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Signup begins October 15, 2007

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price.

Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits.