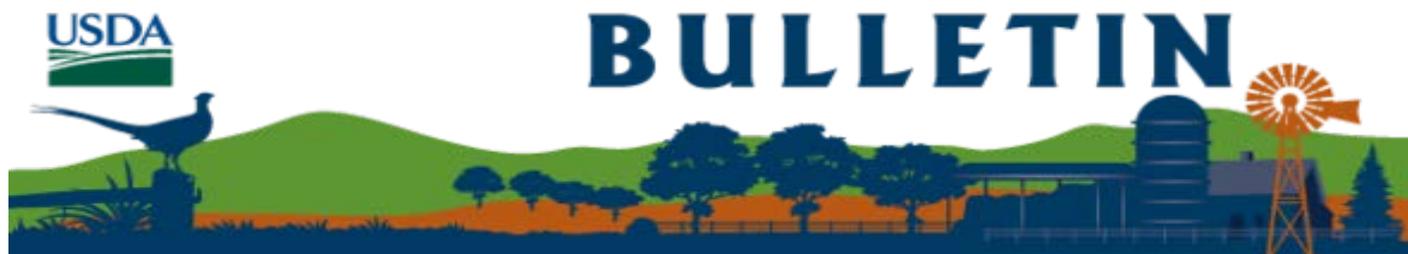


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Livestock Disaster Programs Available

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is taking applications for Livestock Disaster programs included in the 2014 Farm Bill. All programs are retroactive to Oct. 1, 2011. Notices of Loss and all supporting documentation must be filed by January 30, 2015 for 2012, 2013, and 2014 losses. Both NAP and LFP payments can be earned for 2012 and 2013. You must choose which 2014 payment to earn. Filing deadline rules change for 2015.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. Payments for drought are based on 60% of the lesser of monthly cost of all livestock feed (per head) **OR** monthly feed value of your pasture using normal carrying capacity (23.6). Values are based on the yearly corn price. The short, **approximate** formula is: \$31 per cow (or livestock equivalent) **OR** grazing acres divided by 23.6 x 30 days x \$1.03. The lesser amount from these two calculations is then multiplied by four months, which would be your approximate payment for 2012. Converse and Natrona County both qualified for 4 months payments, based on the Drought Monitor, which is the only trigger for this program. You do **not** have to show any loss to qualify for the payments.

Eligible livestock include, adult and non-adult beef cattle, buffalo, sheep, and equine owned for commercial agriculture use. Owners need to provide verifiable documentation or reliable records to confirm their numbers. That might include **original** balance sheets (please redact non livestock info), pregnancy test bills, shearing invoices and/or production records. Your Quick Books Custom Transaction Detail Report has a lot of the information we may need. Livestock sold due to the drought, after June 19 for Converse and June 26, 2012 for Natrona are also eligible, but at a reduced rate. Bring original sales receipts with dates and numbers and also documentation of the approximate number you normally sell.

Eligible land must be owned or cash leased. State and/or federal leases are included. Bring documentation that you have risk in the land, if you have not participated in the NAP program. Private by the head or animal unit leases are not eligible in most cases. A crop report for the year of application must be filed. Late fees are waived thru 2014.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock death losses **in excess of normal** mortality due to adverse weather. Calf normal mortality is 4.3% and lambs are 15.9%. LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock as determined by the Secretary.

Verifiable beginning and ending inventory for the applicable year is required. Balance sheets, vet and production records and purchase or sale records can be used along with shearing or preg test records. Documentation for death loss can include dated photographs or video, veterinarian records, bank or other loan documents, private insurance documents, or third party certification.

Emergency Loss Assistance for Program (ELAP) is for any loss that does not fit LFP or LIP.

Producers are urged to call prior to visiting the office to receive more details of program requirements and to minimize or prevent return trips to complete an application. Producers without an appointment will be assisted as time allows. Please call the office at (307)261-5436 or toll free (866)596-4478, Ext. 2, for more info or to schedule an appointment in Douglas or Casper.

Questions?

Please contact Sue Willey, County Executive Director, at (307) 261-5436 ext 102, or sue.willey@wy.usda.gov or for Farm Loans, please contact Dave Lengel, Farm Loan Manager, at (307)358-5719 ext 2, david.lengel@wy.usda.gov.

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