



Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP)

Overview

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators. LIP payments are equal to 75 percent of the market value of the applicable livestock on the day before the date of death of the livestock as determined by the Secretary.

Sign-up will begin on or before April 15th, 2014, at any local Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult a local FSA office for details.

Eligible Livestock Owners

An eligible livestock owner must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock death loss occurred.

Eligible Contract Growers

Eligible contract growers must be in possession of the eligible livestock at the time death occurred.

Eligible Livestock

Eligible livestock includes:

- Beef cattle
- Dairy cattle
- Bison
- Poultry
- Sheep

- Swine
- Horses, and
- Other livestock as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Livestock Death Loss Documentation

Livestock owners should record all pertinent information of livestock death losses due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by such items as:

- Photographs or video records to document the loss, dated if possible
- Purchase records, veterinarian records, production records, bank or other loan documents
- Written contracts, records assembled for tax purposes, private insurance documents, and other similar reliable documents.

Additional information regarding LIP or other FSA programs can be found by visiting a nearby FSA Service Center or online at fsa.usda.gov.

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