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REMINDER:
December 4, 2006:
Last day to return voted ballots to
the USDA Service Center.

January 1, 2007:
Elected committee members and
alternates take office

January 31, 2006
Last day to turn in 2006
Wool/Mohair receipts



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Livestock Assistance Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAGP) provided the State of Arizona \$2,405,043 in block grants to help livestock producers partially recover forage production losses due to certain drought conditions during 2006. Section 32 of the Act of Aug. 24, 1935, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to distribute the funds to re-establish farmers' purchasing power. FSA will distribute LAGP funds to eligible states.

State Eligibility and Role

To be eligible for LAGP funds, a state must have a county that meets LAGP eligibility requirements (See Eligible Counties). Eligible states will receive LAGP funds after entering into Memorandums of Understanding with FSA. The amount of money distributed to eligible states will be based on the number of adult beef cattle and sheep in eligible counties in each state as determined by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

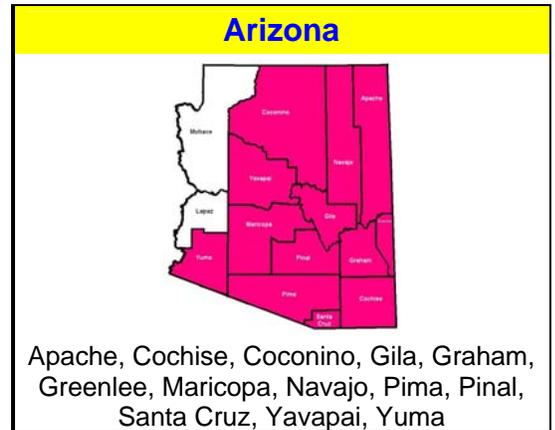
Application procedures for livestock forage production loss funds will be determined by each state. Each state will distribute funds through its own program.

Eligible Counties

Livestock producers in 13 Arizona counties are eligible for the program. A complete list of eligible states and counties is posted at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. A county must have experienced exceptional drought (Category D4 Drought on the U.S. Drought Monitor) or extreme drought (D3 level) during March 7, 2006, to Aug. 31, 2006.

Payment Limitations

A livestock producer may receive a maximum of \$10,000 from his or her state's block grant program.



Eligibility

Additional provisions related to assistance are:

- Only producers of livestock who suffered forage production losses in eligible counties may receive payments.
- Assistance may be provided for such things as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new feed supplies, increased feed transportation cost and the cost of emergency water supplies.
- The amount of aid received by a livestock producer may not exceed the amount of forage suffered as a result of drought in 2006.

Sign-up

NOTE: FSA offices will not be involved in conducting sign-ups or issuing payments.

Applications are now available and the completed application must be returned to the Arizona Department of Agriculture by 5:00 p.m. (MST), Friday, December 29, 2006, or postmarked by that date. Applications and other information about the program will be made available from a number of sources, including:

- Online at www.azda.gov, under "2006 Livestock Assistance Grant Program"
- Farm Service Agency offices located in qualified counties in Arizona
- University of Arizona Cooperative Extension offices located in qualified counties in Arizona

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Both this application and the State of Arizona W-9 form must be completed and returned to the Arizona Department of Agriculture by 5:00 p.m. (MST) on **Friday, December 29, 2006 to be considered for the program. The application must either be in our office by the deadline, or postmarked by that date. Mail completed application and W-9 form to:**

**Arizona Department of Agriculture
Attention: Livestock Assistance Grant Program
1688 West Adams
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

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