



# FACT SHEET

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## Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Documentation Information

### Wisconsin Fact Sheet

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#### **Compiling Death Loss Documentation**

Livestock producers who have incurred eligible 2008 and/or 2009 eligible livestock death losses because of eligible adverse weather events should begin to compile their livestock death loss documentation.

Death loss documentation will not be accepted by County Offices until producer file a LIP application.

#### **Proof of Death**

Livestock producers must provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths that proves the deaths occurred as a direct result of adverse weather in the calendar year of the request.

#### **Verifiable Records**

The quantity and kind of livestock eligible for LIP may be documented by, but no limited to:

- Bank or other loan documents
- FEMA records
- Records assembled for tax purposes
- National Guard records
- Private insurance documents
- Production records
- Property tax records
- Purchase records
- Rendering truck receipts
- Veterinarian records
- Written contracts

#### **Reliable Records**

If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, producers may provide reliable records

including, but not limited to:

- Brand inspection records
- Contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of the event
- Dairy herd improvement records
- Pictures
- Vaccination records

#### **Certification by Third Parties**

Third party certifications of livestock deaths may be accepted only if verifiable proof or reliable proof of death records, as well as verifiable beginning and ending inventory records are not available and all the following conditions are met:

The livestock owner or livestock contract grower, as applicable, certifies in writing:

- That there are no other verifiable or reliable documentation of death available
- The number of livestock were in inventory at the time the applicable adverse weather event occurred
- The physical location of livestock in inventory when the deaths occurred
- Other details required for FSA to determine the certification acceptable

The third party is an independent source who is not affiliated with the farming operation and is not a "family member," and provides a written certification that

provides all of the following:

- Name, telephone number, and address
- Specific details about their knowledge of the livestock deaths
- Their affiliation with the livestock owner or contract grower
- The accuracy of the deaths claimed by the livestock owner or contract grower, such as, but not limited to the number and kind/type of the participant's livestock that died because of the eligible adverse weather event
- Other details required by FSA to determine the certification acceptable

#### **Verifiable Inventory Documentation**

Verifiable inventory documentation will be needed to establish normal mortality rates. Documents that may provide verifiable evidence of livestock inventory may include, but are not limited to:

- Canceled check documentation
- Balance sheets
- Inventory records used for tax purposes
- Loan records
- Private insurance documents
- Property tax records
- Sales and purchase receipts
- Veterinary records
- Brand inspection receipts
- Chattel inspections