

For: State and County Offices

Closeout of American Indian Livestock Feed Program (AILFP) Payments

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 (the 2001 Act) provided that \$11.9 million would be made available to carry out AILFP.

A review of the appropriations determined funding will be available for those contracts and requests to extend feeding periods for existing contracts under AILFP that are approved by DAFP by September 30, 2001. Accordingly, all AILFP contracts must receive DAFP approval before September 30, 2001.

Important: There is no funding available for AILFP CCC-453's, AILFP Contracts to Participate, or requests to extend feeding periods after September 30, 2001. This is a statutory provision of the 2001 Act legislation that authorized the additional AILFP funds.

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Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices:

- that, to ensure timely action on all AILFP contracts and extension requests, DAFP must receive all requests **no later than COB September 14, 2001**
- of action that shall be taken to ensure that tribal governments are informed immediately so all AILFP contracts, extension requests, and payment applications for tribal-owned livestock are received by established deadlines.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Submission of CCC-453's and Tribal Government CCC-644's

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Review of CCC-453's, Extension Requests, and CCC-644's

For currently received AILFP contracts, extension requests, and payment applications for tribal-owned livestock, DAFP is in the process of reviewing and expediting responses.

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Deadline for Submission

For all **current disasters**, the following must be received by DAFP **no later than COB September 14, 2001**:

- AILFP CCC-453's and supporting documentation
- requests to extend feeding periods for existing contracts that have already been approved.

DAF must receive, **within 90 calendar days of the date DAFP approved CCC-453**, or extensions of the feeding period, all CCC-644's, AILFP Payment Applications, submitted by tribal governments for tribal-owned livestock.

3 Submission of CCC-644's

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Deadline for Submission of CCC-644's

Tribal governments must receive CCC-644's, AILFP, Payment Applications, from individual livestock owners within 90 calendar days of the date DAFP approved the CCC-453, or extension of the feeding period.

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4 Action

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State Office
Action**

Upon receipt of this notice, States where American Indian tribes are located shall immediately take the following action.

Step	Action
1	Notify all tribal governments of the provisions of this notice by using Exhibit 1.
2	Use overnight mail or FAX to ensure the following are received by DAFP no later than COB September 14, 2001 , all: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCC-453's, AILFP, Contract to Participate, and supporting documentation• requests for extensions to existing CCC-453's, AILFP, Contract to Participate, previously approved by DAFP.
3	Use overnight mail or FAX to ensure DAFP receives all CCC-644's, AILFP, Payment Applications, submitted by tribal governments for tribal-owned livestock within 90 calendar days of the date DAFP approved CCC-453, AILFP, Contract to Participate, or request for extended feeding period.

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County Office
Action**

Upon receipt of this notice, counties where American Indian tribes are located shall immediately forward to the State Office, if applicable:

- all CCC-453's and supporting documentation that have been reviewed and signed by a Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, representative
 - requests for extensions of feeding periods to existing CCC-453's previously approved by DAFP
 - all CCC-644's submitted by tribal governments for tribally-owned livestock to the State Office.
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Notification to Tribal Governments

Dear Tribal Government and All Affected Livestock Owners:

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2001 (the 2001 Act) provided that \$11.9 million would be made available to carry out the AILFP.

A review of the appropriations determined funding will be available for contracts and requests to extend feeding periods for existing contracts under AILFP that are approved by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs (DAFP) by September 30, 2001.

There is no funding available for AILFP CCC-453's, AILFP Contract to Participate, or requests to extend feeding periods, after September 30, 2001. This is a statutory provision of the 2001 Act legislation that authorized the additional AILFP funds.

Since no funding will be available for AILFP after September 30, 2001, and there is no new legislation to provide funding to continue the program, the AILFP will close after that date. This means that all CCC-453's, AILFP Contract to Participate, and supporting documentation for current disasters, in addition to requests to extend feeding periods for existing AILFP contracts that have been previously approved, must be received by DAFP, through Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Offices, and FSA State Offices, no later than September 14, 2001. This will allow DAFP time to review each case and notify tribal governments of approval by September 30, 2001.

Payment applications from individual livestock owners must be received by the tribal government 90 calendar days from the date DAFP approves the AILFP contract. Payment applications submitted by tribal governments for tribal-owned livestock must be received by DAFP within 90 calendar days from the date DAFP approved the AILFP contract.

Be assured this office is taking steps to expedite the review of all AILFP contracts, extensions, and payment requests. Any AILFP contracts or requests to extend feeding periods for an existing contract that arrive after September 14, 2001, cannot be assured of being timely reviewed. AILFP contracts or requests to extend feeding periods for an existing contract that are received after September 30, 2001, cannot be reviewed.

Please contact your FSA State Office if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

State Executive Director