

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice FSFL-229

For: State and County Offices

Making FSFL's Available to Store and Handle Bison Meat

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Accepting CCC-185's for Bison Meat FSFL Requests

A Background

The FSFL Program provides low-cost financing for producers to store, handle, or transport eligible commodities. Eligible commodities currently include the following:

- grain
- oilseed and pulse crops
- eligible perishable commodities
- hay
- renewable biomass
- honey
- floriculture
- milk
- hemp
- cottonseed
- butter
- cheese
- eggs
- yogurt
- meat and poultry
- wool
- seed cotton
- aquaculture.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 gave the Secretary the discretionary authority to add other commodities for FSFL eligibility. Using this authority, bison meat (perishable commodity) is added as an eligible commodity for FSFL financing effective immediately.

Disposal Date

October 1, 2025

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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1 Accepting CCC-185's for Bison Meat FSFL Requests (Continued)

A Background (Continued)

Authorizing bison meat as an eligible FSFL commodity provides low interest cold storage and handling opportunities to niche type producers.

Note: 1-FSFL, subparagraph 33 J will be updated to include bison meat as an eligible livestock species in a forthcoming amendment.

All FSFL eligible borrower requirements apply to bison meat producers as provided in 1-FSFL, paragraph 35.

Policies and procedures included in this notice:

- are effective immediately
- will be included in a forthcoming amendment to 1-FSFL.

B Purpose

This notice provides authorization to State and County Offices to accept CCC-185's for bison meat FSFL requests.

C Contact

For questions about this notice, contact the following.

IF located in a...	THEN contact...
County Office	State Office.
State Office	any of the following, as applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kelly Hereth-Dawson for FSFL policy by either of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• email to FSFLPolicy@usda.gov• email to kelly.hereth@usda.gov• Mario Plummer for FSFL (policy) automation by email to mario.plummer@usda.gov• Danielle Roder for FSFL (servicing) automation by email to danielle.roder@usda.gov.