

For: State Offices

Establishing Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) Normal Grazing Periods

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1 Overview

A Background

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act) (Pub. L. 110-246) enacted on June 18, 2008, and amended by Pub. L. 110-398 on October 13, 2008, authorized LFP.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses because of a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county, or grazing losses on rangeland managed by a Federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the Federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland because of a qualifying fire during the calendar year. The qualifying drought or fire must have occurred on or after January 1, 2008, but before October 1, 2011.

For drought, the losses must have occurred:

- on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted to a crop planted specifically for grazing for covered livestock
- because of a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the specific type of pastureland or grazing land in the county during the calendar year.

LFP eligibility is based on a calendar year.

Normal grazing period means the normal grazing period during the calendar year for each specific type of grazing land or pastureland in a county.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- guidance to STC's for establishing normal LFP grazing periods for each eligible type of pastureland or grazing land
- the deadline for establishing the normal LFP grazing periods for each eligible type of pastureland or grazing land.

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2 Normal Grazing Periods for LFP

A Eligible Grazing Types for LFP

Different types or varieties of pasture and grazing crops for a county shall be grouped into 1 of the following:

- forage sorghum crops planted specifically for the purpose of providing grazing for covered livestock (non-irrigated)
- improved pasture with permanent vegetative cover (non-irrigated)
- native pasture with permanent vegetative cover (non-irrigated)
- small grain crops planted specifically for the purpose of providing grazing for covered livestock (non-irrigated).

Note: Irrigated pastures and grazing crops are ineligible for LFP.

B Establishing Normal Grazing Periods for LFP

STC's shall establish normal grazing periods for each of the grazing types listed in subparagraph A for each county in their State. Only 1 grazing period per pasture or grazing crop type shall be established per county. The normal grazing period established for each pasture or grazing crop type shall be consistent with those established for NAP purposes.

Example: <u>Pasture Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Forage Sorghum	June 20	October 20
Improved Pasture	August 1	October 31
Native Pasture	March 1	October 31
Small Grains	October 15	May 15

Exception: 2 grazing periods for small grains may be established in each applicable county in those States where producers purchase NAP coverage for small grains grazing and the producer subsequently harvests the small grains for grain; however, the normal grazing period for full season grazing shall be entered into the "LFP Normal Grazing Periods" table according to a forthcoming notice.

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2 Normal Grazing Periods for LFP (Continued)

B Establishing Normal Grazing Periods for LFP (Continued)

Example 1: In County A, producers plant small grains with the intent to graze the small grains for the full growing season. The normal grazing period for full season small grains grazing in County A is October 15, 2007, through June 1, 2008. The normal grazing period for full season small grains would be established as follows.

<u>Pasture Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Small grains (full season)	October 15	June 1

Example 2: In County A, producers also plant small grains with the intent of grazing the small grains until the normal livestock pull off date of March 1, and then subsequently harvest the small grains for grain. The normal grazing period for small grains grazing in County A that are subsequently harvested for grain is October 15, 2007, through March 1, 2008. The normal grazing period for small grains intended for grazing that are subsequently harvested for grain would be established as follows.

<u>Pasture Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Small grains	October 15	March 1

C Deadline for Establishing Normal Grazing Periods

STC's shall ensure that normal grazing periods are:

- established for all pasture or grazing crop types listed in subparagraph A by no later than COB, August 31, 2009
- loaded into the "LFP Normal Grazing Periods" table according to a forthcoming notice.