

For: State and County Offices

**Signup Deadline for 2010 Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees,
and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and Completing 2010 ELAP Applications**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Signup for 2010 livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish losses under ELAP began January 1, 2010. 7 CFR §760.207 provides that, in addition to submitting a notice of loss at the appropriate time, producers must file an application for payment no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss occurred.

The National Office is preparing to issue 2010 ELAP workbooks to State Offices so that 2010 ELAP payment data can be uploaded to the National Office to determine a National payment factor, if applicable. County Offices must take the necessary action provided in this notice to prepare for providing required 2010 ELAP documentation to State Offices.

Note: A forthcoming LDAP notice will provide the ELAP documentation that State Offices must collect from County Offices for completing 2010 ELAP workbooks.

B Purpose

This notice:

- notifies State and County Offices that ELAP signup for 2010 livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish losses ends **COB January 31, 2011**
- provides County Offices with instructions for completing FSA-918's for livestock feed losses and livestock death losses because of wolf depredation
- instructs County Offices to manually complete FSA-918-1 according to paragraph 3, for all completed and approved 2010 FSA-918's in the county.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2011	State Offices; State Office relay to County Offices

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1 Overview (Continued)

C 2010 ELAP Signup Deadline

The signup deadline for 2010 ELAP ends **COB January 31, 2011**. In addition to filing a notice of loss according to 1-LDAP, paragraph 295, producers must file a manual application for payment on the applicable FSA-918 or FSA-930 and supporting documents, provided in 1-LDAP, subparagraph 296 E, by **COB January 31, 2011**.

2 Completing FSA-918

A Livestock Feed Losses - FSA-918, Parts F and G

FSA-918, Parts F and G do not capture the applicable livestock numbers for which feed losses were incurred. On FSA-918, Parts F and G, County Offices must notate to the left of the following items the corresponding livestock number listed in FSA-918, Part D, item 14 for which feed losses were incurred:

- Part F, item 38 for produced feed losses
- Part G, item 43 for purchased feed losses, additional feed purchased above normal quantities to maintain eligible livestock during an adverse weather or loss condition, and additional feed expenses.

The livestock numbers will be used to identify the applicable livestock for which feed losses were incurred, which is needed to determine the 90 calendar-day feed loss payment calculation.

B Required Producer Certification for Wolf Depredation

To be eligible to receive ELAP benefits for livestock losses because of wolf depredation, the livestock producer must certify that he or she has not and will not receive benefits for more than 95 percent of the value of livestock lost because of wolf depredation in a calendar year from all Federal, State, and privately established programs combined that compensate livestock producers for wolf depredation.

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2 Completing FSA-918 (Continued)

B Required Producer Certification for Wolf Depredation (Continued)

County Offices shall:

- add the following certification statement to all FSA-918's filed for livestock death losses because of wolf depredation:

“I certify that I have not and will not receive combined program benefits totaling more than 95 percent of the value of the eligible livestock that I lost due to wolf depredation in a calendar year, from all sources providing compensation for livestock death losses due to wolf depredation, including benefits from any Federal, State and/or privately-established program.”

- staple the certification statement to all FSA-918's filed for livestock death losses because of wolf depredation
- ensure that all livestock producers that file FSA-918's for livestock death losses because of wolf depredation initial and date the certification statement stapled to FSA-918.

3 Completing the Automated 2010 FSA-918-1

A 2010 FSA-918-1 Excel Spreadsheet

An electronic version of the 2010 FSA-918-1, provided in 1-LDAP, subparagraph 300 B, has been developed to assist the County Offices in manually computing livestock payments. 2010 FSA-918-1 may be found on DAFP's intranet training site at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/fsa/dafp/training/default.htm>.

Data from completed FSA-918-1's will be required when State Offices complete 2010 ELAP workbooks in the near future.

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3 Completing the Automated 2010 FSA-918-1 (Continued)

B County Office Action

In preparation for providing 2010 ELAP documentation to State Offices, County Offices shall:

- access FSA-918-1 on the DAFP web site
- electronically complete FSA-918-1 for each completed and approved 2010 FSA-918 on file in the county according to 1-LDAP, subparagraph 300 A
- print a completed FSA-918-1 for each completed and approved 2010 FSA-918 on file in the County Office
- have a second party reviewer, initial, and date completed FSA-918-1's.

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices:

- are immediately informed of the contents of this notice
- immediately take the required action outlined in this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall immediately take the action outlined in this notice to ensure 2010 ELAP applications are completed according to this notice.