



Nebraska Farm Service Agency Reminds Livestock Producers of Drought Disaster Assistance Program for Forage Losses

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Program Triggers in 27 Counties

LINCOLN, Nebraska, Dec. 14, 2020 - Nebraska U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nancy Johner reminds livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought in 2020 of the availability of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). The deadline to apply for LFP for 2020 losses is Feb. 1, 2021.

"Prolonged drought conditions during the grazing season triggered this livestock disaster assistance program in several areas of the state," said Johner. "I encourage all affected livestock producers to call their county FSA office to schedule an appointment to apply for the program."

For the 2020 LFP program year, 27 counties in Nebraska have met drought ratings that trigger eligibility for livestock disaster assistance. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#). The program is available in these counties: Banner, Box Butte, Burt, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Dawes, Deuel, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Garden, Hitchcock, Keith, Kimball, Madison, Morrill, Perkins, Pierce, Platte, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Stanton, Thurston, Washington and Wayne.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately-owned land, leased land where the producer has a risk in the grazing or fire on federally managed land.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period. Several factors are considered regarding producer eligibility, including that a producer must have risk in the eligible livestock and risk in the eligible grazing lands.

Livestock producers are encouraged to contact FSA with questions regarding specific program eligibility requirements. Livestock producers must complete the LFP application and provide required supporting documentation before program benefits can be determined and issued.

Visit farmers.gov/recover to learn more about LFP and other FSA disaster assistance programs or contact your FSA county office. To locate your nearest FSA county office, visit farmers.gov and click on the Service Center locator.

USDA Service Center Status Across Nebraska

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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