



# PANDEMIC LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM



## Overview

The Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) provides assistance for losses of livestock and poultry depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access during the COVID-19 pandemic. PLIP will also compensate eligible producers for the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animals.

**The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting applications for PLIP from July 20, 2021, through September 17, 2021.**

## Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for payments, producers (persons or legal entities) must:

- Have had legal ownership of the livestock or poultry as of the day the eligible livestock or poultry was depopulated;
- Comply with the provisions of the “Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation” regulations, often called the conservation compliance provisions;
- Not have a controlled substance violation;
- Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien; and
- Submit a complete PLIP application form and provide all required documentation as specified.

To be eligible for payments, a person or legal entity must have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$900,000 for tax years 2016, 2017, and 2018. With respect to joint ventures and general partnerships, this AGI provision will be applied to members of the joint venture and general partnership. Packers, live poultry dealers, and contract growers are not eligible for PLIP.

## Eligible Livestock and Poultry

Eligible livestock and poultry include swine, chickens, and turkeys because USDA has determined that producers of these livestock and poultry types suffered losses and incurred costs for depopulation due to insufficient processing access during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible livestock and poultry must have been depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The livestock and poultry must have been physically located in the United States or a territory of the United States at the time of depopulation to be eligible.

Eligible livestock does not include swine that were depopulated pre-farrowing (before birth).

### How to Apply

Eligible livestock and poultry producers apply for PLIP by completing the FSA-620, Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program application and submitting it to any FSA county office. A complete application includes all of the following:

- FSA-620, Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) Application
- AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet, for new customers or existing customers who need to update their customer profile
- CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity
- CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable)
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification
- CCC-941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information
- If requested by FSA, the applicant must provide supporting documentation to substantiate the applicant’s ownership of the livestock or poultry claimed and information provided on the PLIP application. Examples of supporting documentation include veterinarian records, feeding records, inventory records, rendering receipts, purchase receipts, other records determined acceptable by COC.

### Where to File Your Application

FSA staff at your local USDA Service Center will work with you to file your applications. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax, hand delivery, or via electronic means. Please call your Service Center prior to sending applications electronically for instructions and assistance. The PLIP application and associated forms are available online at [farmers.gov/plip](https://farmers.gov/plip).

### Payment Calculation

PLIP payments compensate participants for 80% of both the loss of the eligible livestock or poultry and for the cost of depopulation and disposal based on a single payment rate per head for each of the categories in the table below.

ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY CATEGORY	PLIP PAYMENT RATE PER HEAD
Swine: boars and sows; 451 lbs. or greater	\$258.57
Swine: sows, boars, barrows, and gilts; 251-450 lbs.	\$158.88
Swine: sows, boars, barrows, and gilts; 151-250 lbs.	\$122.10
Swine: lightweight barrows and gilts; 50-150 lbs.	\$88.70
Swine: suckling nursery pigs; less than 50 lbs.	\$55.31
Chickens: chicks	\$0.32
Chickens: pullets, Cornish hens; less than 4.26 lbs.	\$2.16
Chickens: broilers, pullets; 4.26-6.25 lbs.	\$3.18
Chickens: roasters; 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	\$4.04
Chickens: super roasters and parts; 7.76 lbs. or greater	\$5.31
Chickens: layers	\$4.94
Turkeys: poults	\$2.15
Turkeys: toms, fryers, and roasters	\$15.57

PLIP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible livestock or poultry by the payment rate per head from the table above, and then subtracting the amount of any payments the eligible livestock or poultry owner has received for disposal of the livestock or poultry under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or a state program. The payments will also be reduced by any Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 1 and 2) payments paid on the same inventory of swine that were depopulated.

There is no per person or legal entity payment limitation on PLIP payments.

### Who to Call for Help

Producers interested in one-on-one support with the PLIP program application can contact our call center at 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

### For More Information

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. For more information about the PLIP program, visit [farmers.gov/plip](https://farmers.gov/plip) or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator).