Apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs:

DISASTER RECOVERY

Loss Documentation

Have you suffered excessive livestock death losses?

Have you suffered grazing losses or feed losses?

If you answered, “yes,” you may be eligible for federal assistance through FSA’s Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), or Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Producers should record all pertinent information regarding livestock losses due to eligible adverse weather or loss condition, including:

- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;
- Rendering truck receipts by kind, type and weight - important to document prior to disposal;
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Documentation from Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Natural Resources, or other sources to substantiate eligible deaths loss due to an eligible loss condition;
- Veterinarian certification that livestock deaths, due to disease, were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good husbandry and management;
- Documentation that livestock were removed from grazing pastures due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition;
- Costs of transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock, such as receipts for equipment rental fees for hay lifts;
- Feed purchase receipts if feed supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

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